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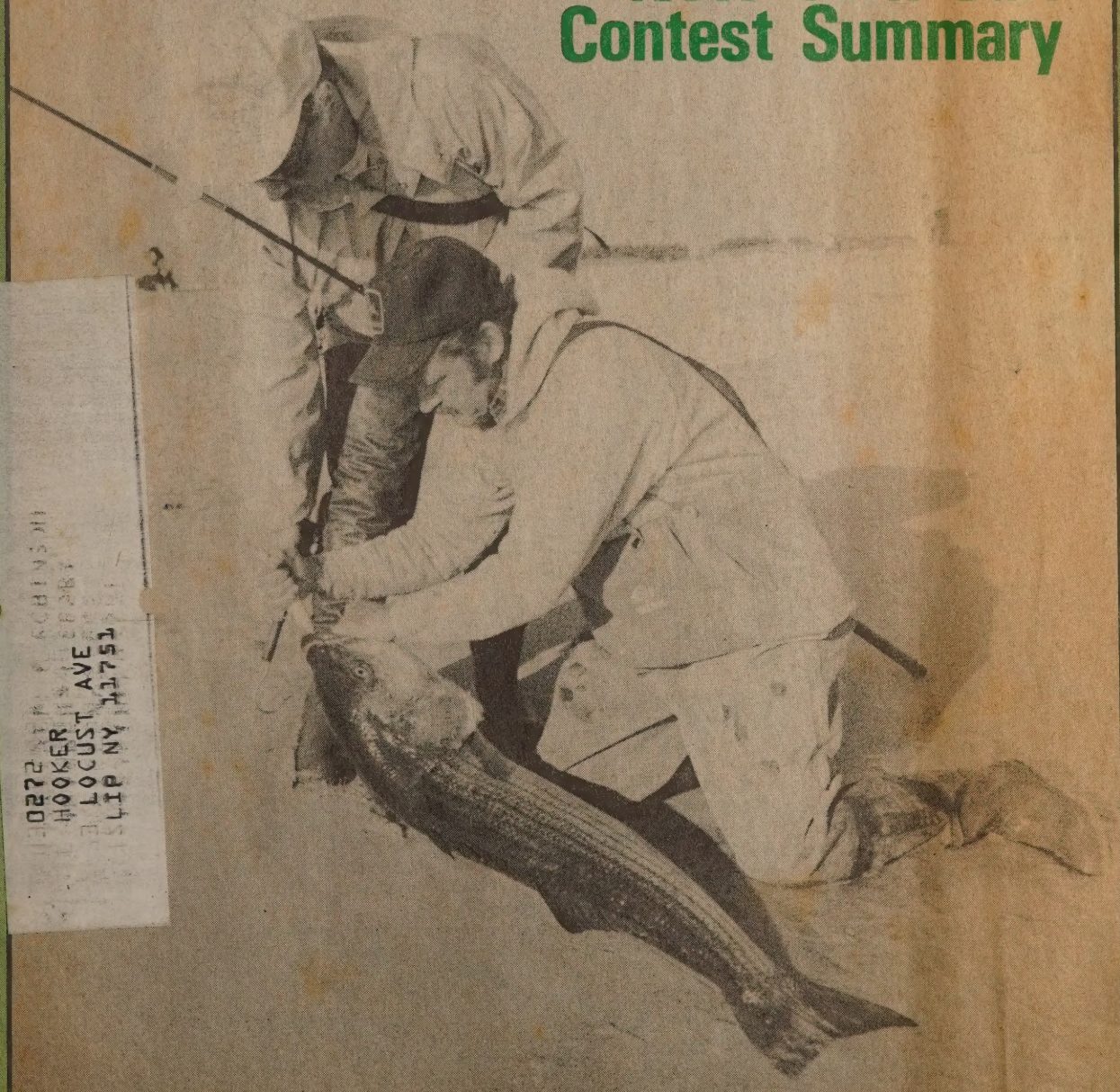

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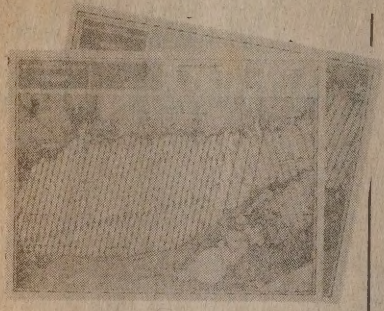

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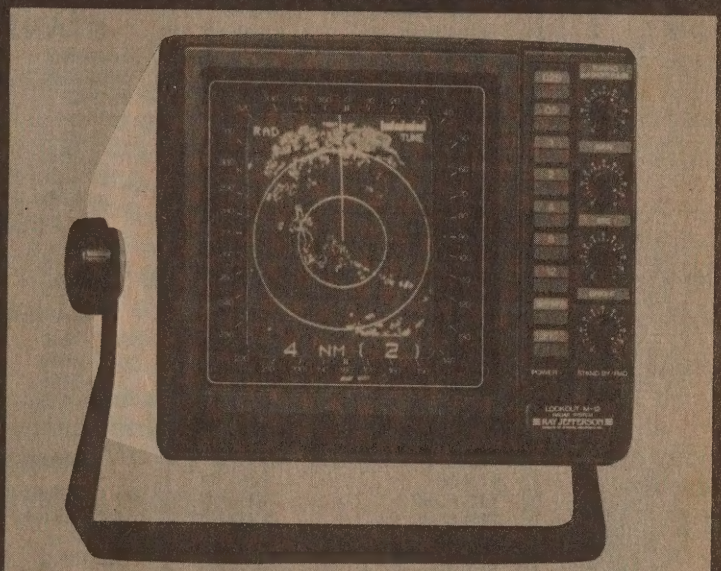

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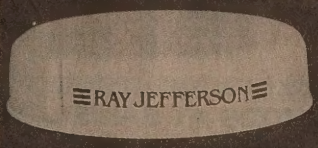

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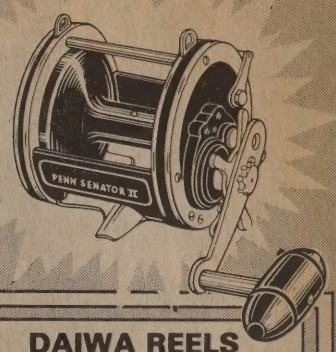

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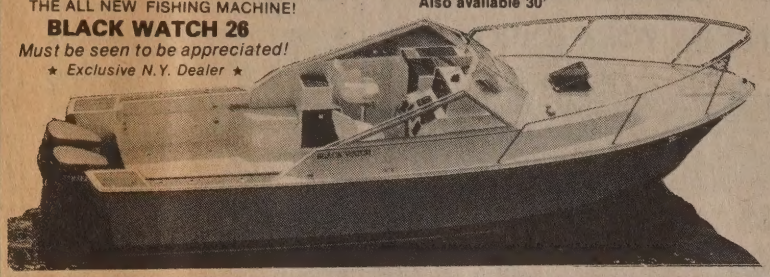

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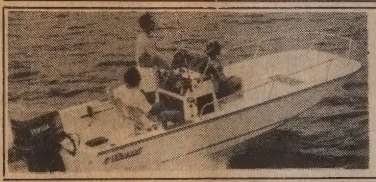

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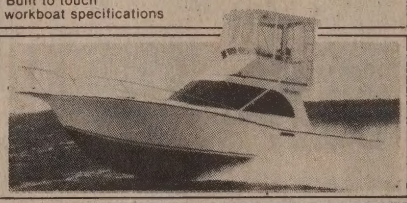

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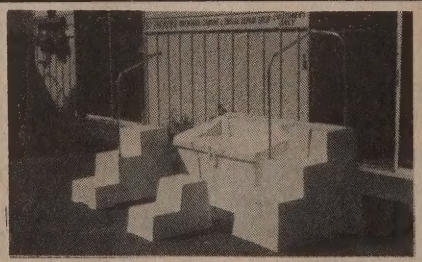

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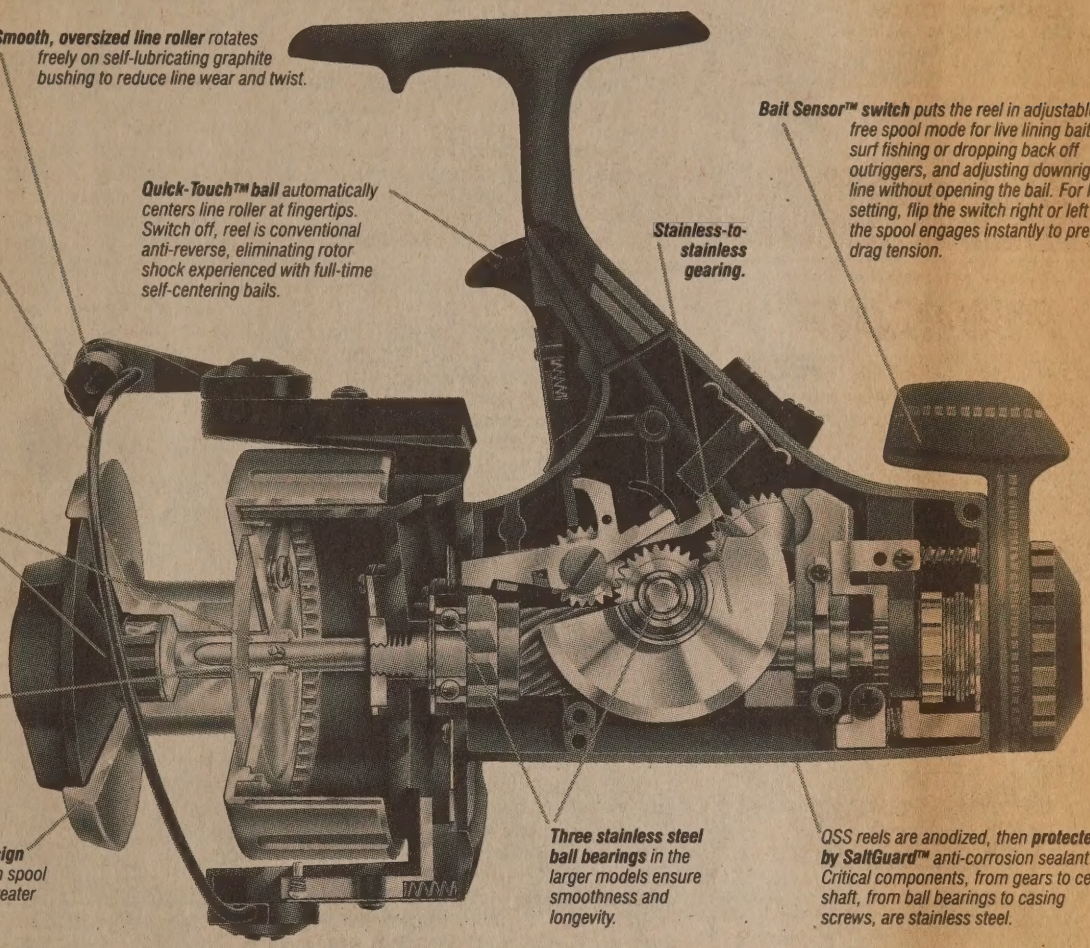

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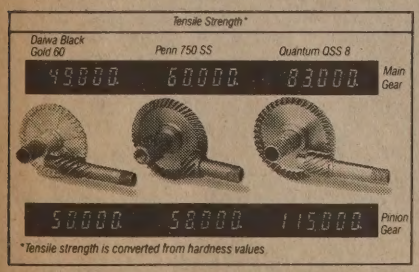

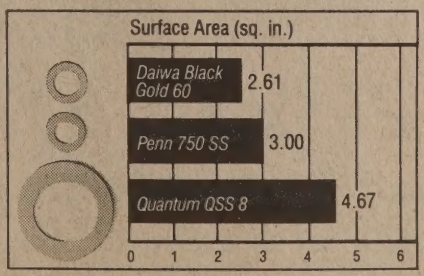

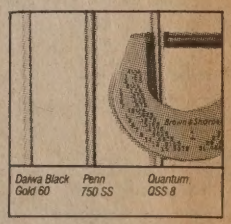

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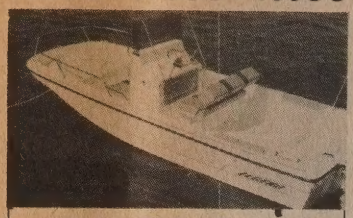
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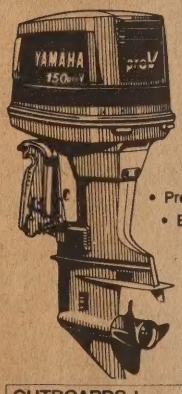
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The South Shore Power Squadron is offering boat courses to educate boaters on safe operating procedures and on a more thorough knowledge of boats. The course will run for 12 weeks. All instructors are volunteers and are certified to teach the courses. There is a small fee for a manual and for charting equipment.

The classes will start at 8PM at the following locations:

East Meadow H.S., Wednesday, February 24th; Plainview H.S., Wednesday, February 29th; Freeport H.S., Tuesday, March 1; and Baldwin H.S., Wednesday, March 2nd.

Registration will take place at the schools on the above listed dates and the first class will follow registration.

You do not have to own a boat to join us in these courses.

NEW YORK SPORTFISHING FORUM/AUCTION

With March 6th, the date of the New York Sportfishing Forum/Auction, nearing, Long Island's greatest rod crafters have signaled their intention of being major contributors to the New York Sportfishing Federation's annual extravaganza to be held at SUNY-Old Westbury.

Already on hand for the $25,000 auction which will follow the workshop sessions, are the internationally distributed workmanship of Sea Isle of Freeport and Charles Altenkirch and Son of Hampton Bays, who have donated several offshore big game trolling rods. Equally impressive with their style and workmanship are the rods from J&R of Oakdale, Augie's Bait and Tackle of Babylon, and Blue Water Tackle of Hampton Bays, all of which will be donating tackle to be auctioned. In addition, representatives from Altenkirch, Sea Isle and Blue Water will be on hand exhibiting their wares. They will be happy to discuss their craftsmanship.

Other firms that have donated products to the Auction are Aftco, Penn, Tempress, Quantum, Smoker Baits, Capt. John Sekora, Eagle Claw, Andrus Bait, Mold Craft, Terminal Tackle, Cannon, Big Jon, Kool Dri Rainwear, Chatillon, Fentress, Fiskars, Buck Knives, Hi-Seas, Bead Tackle, Flex Coat Co., Glacier Gloves, Atlantis Trap Co., Diamond Feather Lures, Lansky Knife Sharpener, Betts, Sea Strike, IGFA, Kastmaster Lures, G Lox, Area Rule Engineering (door knob lures), Keeper Bait, Stren Line, Nat West, USA Bank, Saltwater Sportsman, Du-Bro, Zebco, Taylor, Case Knives, Smith's Tri Hone Sharpening, Captain's Tackle, Olde Salt and Caddy Co.

In addition, there will be Montauk Charters from the My Mate and Ree Magic; fishing art from Al Barnes, John B. Cowan and Millard Wells and tournament entries from the Arthur Smith Bluefish and Bay Shore Mako competitions.

If this wasn't enough, a seven day dream fishing vacation at the Rio Colorado Lodge in Costa Rica for two, which includes round trip air fare from New York to San Jose, Costa Rica, has been donated by the President of Rio Colorado, Archie Fields, who also will be conducting two workshops.

Tickets may be purchased by mail at $5 by sending your requests to Box 240, Oakdale, NY 11769.

BOATING SKILLS COURSE

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will offer the complete Boating Skills and Seamanship course, starting February 23rd, 7PM to 9PM at Newfield High School, Selden. Included will be such topics as boat handling, navigation rules, piloting and seamanship.

A certificate will be awarded to all successful participants, both adult and children, resident and non-resident. This certificate is recognized by many insurance companies.

This is offered through the Middle Country Continuing Education program, 736-0474 for registration information. You may also contact Henry Fasano, 732-3562 for further information.

SAFE BOAT HANDLING IN BROOKLYN

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliar, Flotilla 11-1 will be giving an evening course on Safe Boat Handling at Seaford Marine, 5300 Kings Plaza, Brooklyn, New York. Classes will be held each Tuesday night from 7:30 to 9:30 PM, commencing on February 23rd. There will be a nominal charge for the cost of the auxiliary text book, piloting tools, charts, and other materials appropriate to the subjects presented. Ownership of a boat is not required. The course covers all techniques of safe boat handling including sail, inboard and outboard craft, anchoring, tying knots, chart reading, plotting courses, use of the mariner's compass, aids to navigation such as buoys and radio beacons, radio telephones, weather and marine engines. Upon the successful completion of the course, an official Coast Guard Certificate will be issued which may entitle the boat owner to a discount on insurance for the boat. To reserve a seat in this course and for further information call the Public Education office at (718) 531-5104 or pick up a registration blank at Seaford

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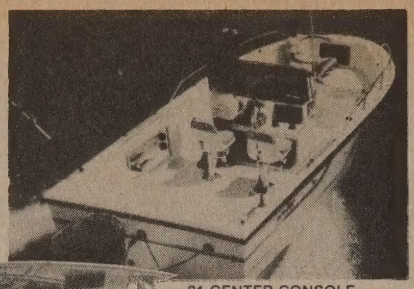
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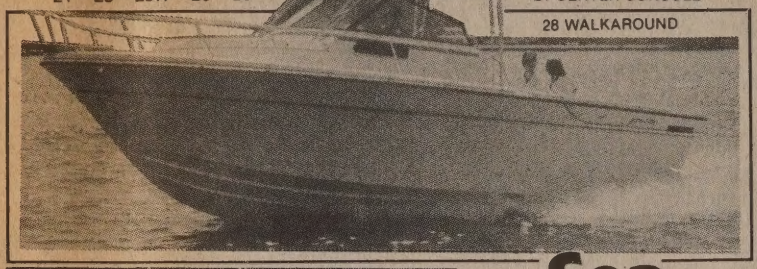
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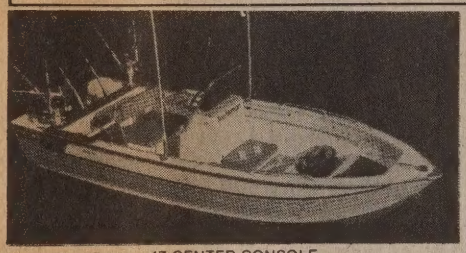
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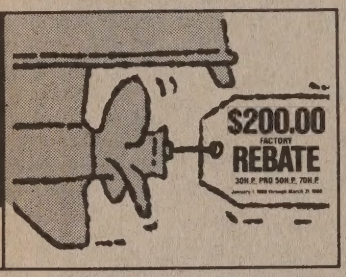
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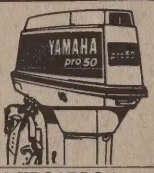

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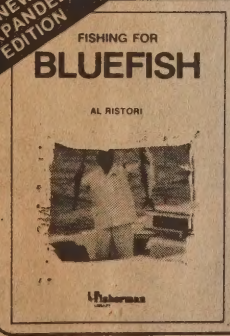

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NEW EAST END CLUB FOR OFFSHORE ANGLERS

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To be known as the East End Marlin and Tuna Club, charter membership is open to offshore anglers owning boats 30 feet or larger and Associate membership, at a reduced dues rate, is open to non-boat owning offshore anglers.

We are currently seeking a headquarters at Montauk, but members' boats need not be moored there. As long as members sail from either Montauk or Shinnecock, their outstanding catches will be eligible for club awards.

Founded to promote sportsmanship, competitive angling, and the conservation of offshore species, the club hopes to foster fellowship among its members, as well to keep the membership aware of any and all information regarding the quality of recreational angling in our offshore waters.

If you are interested in joining an organization founded upon these basic principles, please contact Bob Hubler, evening at (516) 599-4325, or by writing to East End Marlin and Tuna Club, P.O. Box 764, Valley Stream, New York 11582.

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Aqua Explorers Inc. would like to announce the exciting new release of our first underwater video titled "Wreck Valley Video Vol. #1." This video is not only an introduction to our upcoming video series, but also a new way to view the wonders of "Wreck Valley."

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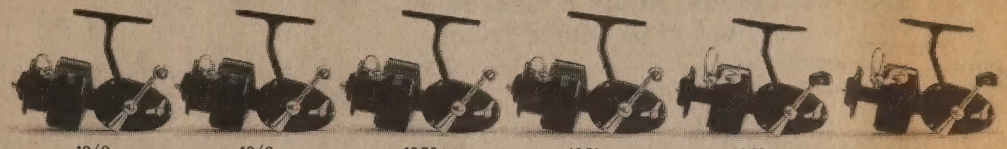
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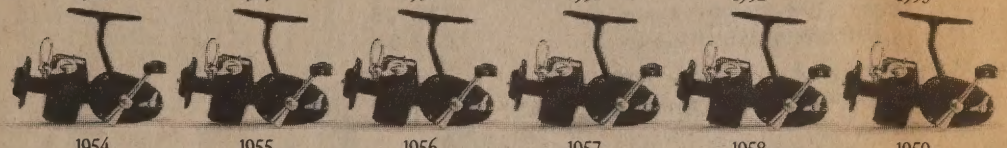
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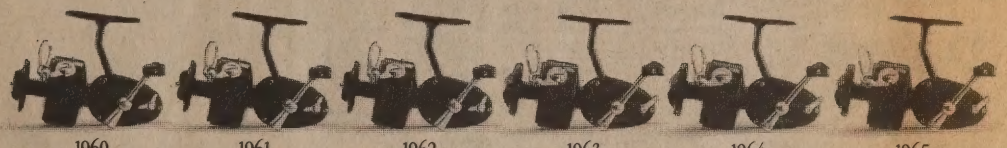
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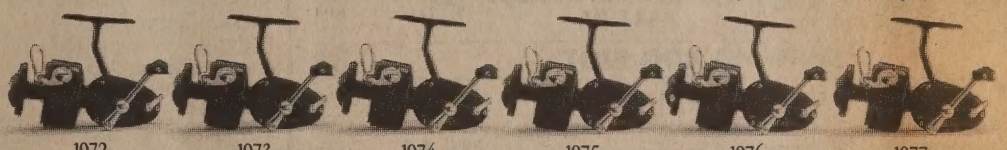
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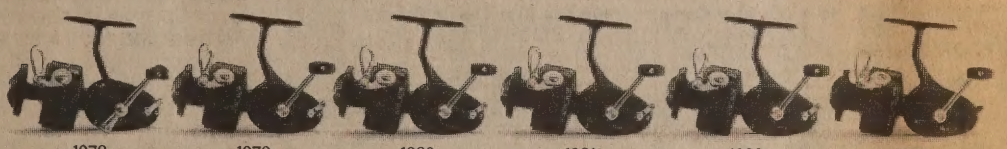
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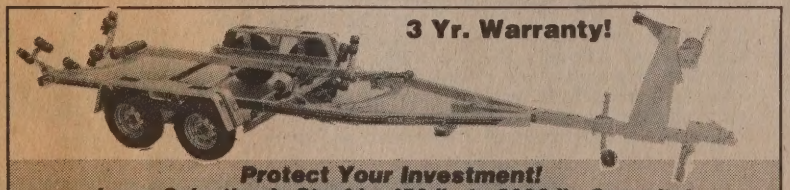

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SAFE BOATING COURSE

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 13-6, Short Beach, New York, is again presenting a course at the Freeport High School Cafeteria, Sunrise Highway and South Brookside Drive, Freeport, New York. This will be a 12-lesson course, with a starting date on Monday, March 7th at 8PM sharp. A pre-registration time of 7:30PM is required by all, to enroll in this free course, which will continue every Monday thereafter. A text book and course paraphernalia will be supplied at a nominal fee. A certificate of graduation will be presented to those students who pass the final test at the end of the course. Most insurance companies allow a 10 percent deduction on boat insurance when this certificate is presented as proof of course education completion.

Additional information and pre-registration may be obtained by contacting the Public Education officers, Aaron Spector, (516) 378-8872; Cmdr. Martin Solomon, (516) 379-9130.

SAFE BOATING CLASS AT WILLIAM FLOYD HIGH

The Moriches Bay Power Squadron is proud to announce that our spring Safe Boating Class will be held at the William Floyd High School, room 120, beginning on Tuesday, February 23rd. Our Squadron Educational Officer, Warren Burch, has requested that all parties interested in taking this worthwhile course, please register at 19:30 hours (7:30 PM).

With the ever increasing number of pleasure boating enthusiasts on our local waters, and the number of boating accidents following the same trend, our organization hopes to educate everyone willing to learn safe boating techniques.

Topics include: sailboat and power boat handling, rules of the road, docking and anchoring, plotting a course on a chart, finding a boat's position, using a compass, trailering, weather, engine trouble shooting and water ski safety.

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The spinning rods are from 6 to 7 feet in length, with actions ranging from medium-light to medium-heavy. One model—PSG-4870—features a nylon gimbal with a detachable, protective butt cap.

The new popping rods feature trigger-style graphite reel seats to accommodate baitcasting reels such as the Penn Levelmatic or Speed Shifter 2000. There's a 6½ foot model with a medium heavy action and a 7 foot rod with a medium-light action. While this style of rod was originally used to work shrimp with a float over flats, the same casting design has since proven ideal for a wide range of light tackle applications in both freshwater and saltwater.

For more information on the new Power Stick rods from Penn, contact: Penn Fishing Tackle Mfg. Co., 3028 W. Hunting Park Ave., Dept. P, Philadelphia, PA 19132; (215) 229-9415.

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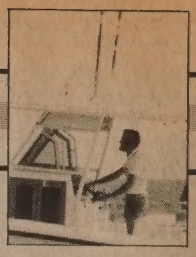

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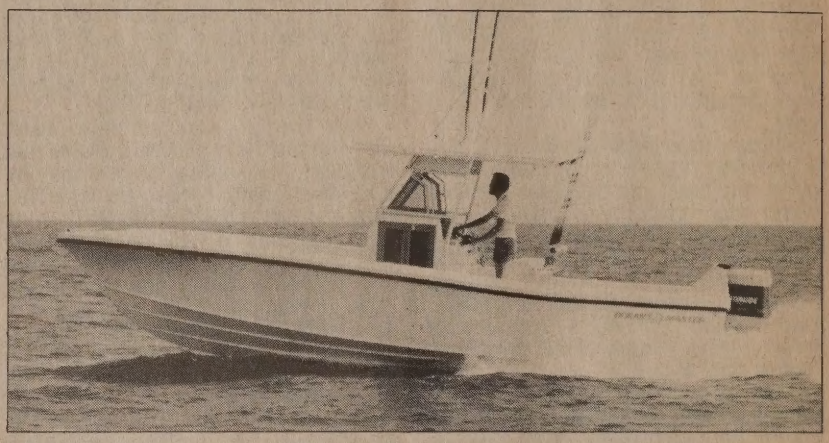

OCEAN MASTER '27

It was a chilly November morning with a southeast wind creating three to five foot choppy seas. Greg Venturo of Northeast Sportfishing, Al Ristori and I had an exciting morning of striper fishing along the Sea Girt jetties and also discovered the awesome Ocean Master 27.

Ocean Master goes back to 1974 when President Mark Hauptner, felt sure there was a need for an outboard powered fishing machine to challenge the inboard dominance of offshore fishing boats. The Ocean Master 31 was created to beat anything the sea could dish out. The latest model, the 27, is ready to follow in its footsteps.

With an overall length of 26' 11", an 8' 6" beam and a neat sheer line, the boat looks sharp. Beneath the water line the deep vee hull tapers from 40 degrees deadrise in the bow to 20 degrees at the transom. A wide chine keeps spray down and away from the hull. The combination of deep vee and wide chine delivers a very comfortable and dry ride.

Greg's boat, powered with twin 175 hp Mariners, rocketed to speeds of 47 MPH and even at this speed the boat still handled with ease. With the standard 200 gallon fuel tank, the boat has a range of about 400 miles at 30 knots. Ocean Master says the boat will do 60+ MPH with two 225s.

Built like a brick wall. Ocean Master maintains an extremely tough lamination schedule and uses an unusually strong stringer system. The hull consists of 14 alternating layers of mat and roving glass. Four all glass, full length stringers are bonded to the hull to make one strong unit. Lateral support is ensured by cross-fitted bulkheads between stringers. The gel coat work is superb with no evidence of bubbles or ripples.

While fishing from the bow I found the interior spacious and unobstructed. The 6' 9" casting platform provides enough room to allow two people to cast. Decks are covered by an aggressive non-skid and gun'ls are high enough for a secure feeling while leaning on them for balance.

Surrounding the bow casting deck is a thick, highly polished aluminum bow rail within easy reach. Its low profile gives the boat a sporty look and doesn't get in the way of casting. Forward of the platform there's a large anchor locker and a pair of through bolted cleats with chocks are mounted on the bow.

Fitted with a convertible spray hood the platform can be cushioned and serve as berths on overnight trips. Underneath the casting platform offshore anglers will appreciate the huge fish box that can hold about four bigeyes. The box is drained by a bilge pump to get water and fish slime overboard. Smaller gasketed compartments are located on each side of the large fish box.

Ocean Master's console is a highlight of the boat with a full array of gauges and switches. Behind the glass and aluminum braced windshield there is plenty of room for electronics. Hydraulic steering is center mounted. To the starboard of the wheel are the throttle controls and to port a joy stick for the 12 inch Bennett trim tabs.

On the port side a large teak/plexi door gives access into the extremely

large stowage area with 71 inches of stand-up head room. Wiring is well done with all wires leading into a labeled breaker panel which includes extra breakers for additional electronics. To give an idea of how large this area is we stored our 7 foot bass casting rods in the console and locked them up.

The front of the console has a cushioned bench seat with six lockable teak drawers under it. Under gun'l rod storage is available for 3 rods, but more rod holders could be added by the dealer with ease.

Atop the console Greg had installed an aluminum T-top made by Ebb Tide of Florida. It had a lockable radio box with enough room for a radar, color scope, radio and other electronics. Over the canvas sunshade were a pair of Lee outriggers and hanging on the back were a pair of Hobbs spreader lights to light the cockpit.

The cockpit is spacious. Aft of the console to the splash well there's 60 square feet of clear deck space. On Greg's boat there was a combination rocket launcher leaning post. Again by Ebb Tide, with the ability to hold five rods, storage under the seat for gloves, tags and other goodies and room to store a large cooler underneath. The seat also had a footrest which was comfortable to rest your legs on while running or trolling.

The aft deck has a section that can be removed for access to the fuel tank if needed. Aft in the cockpit there is a 32 gallon recirculating live well. Coaming bolsters cover both cockpit gun'ls with the company of three rod holders per side for trolling. There are also hawse pipes in each gun'l to bring dock lines into hidden cleats. Ample toe room is allowed by the design of the gun'ls.

Aft of the cockpit there are two above deck battery boxes (port and starboard) with easy access for servicing. Both batteries are elevated for dryness. In-between the battery boxes is a transom splash well with drainage by one way scuppers. In the splash well itself there is a watertight hatch for access to the bilge for installation of pumps, sea cocks and transducers. This area is well done with a clean, white gel coat. A pair of 2000 GPH Rule automatic bilge pumps keep water out. Fuel lines and cables are covered with chafing guards by Ocean Master who rigged the engines on this particular boat.

Mark Hauptner's Ocean Master 27 looks and performs like a real fishing machine. It's a champion.

SPECIFICATIONS

Length . . . . . 26'11"
Beam . . . . . 8'6"
Weight . . . . . 4,000 pounds
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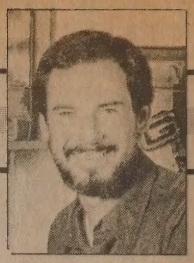

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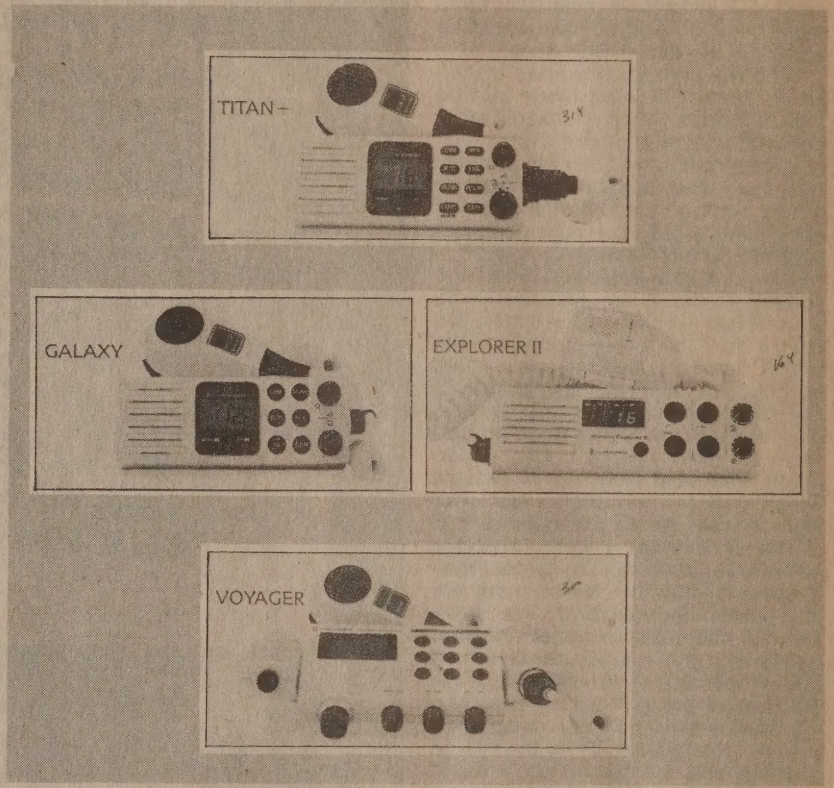

HORIZON VHF RADIOS

My first VHF radio was a Horizon. Mistakenly I mounted it in a radio box that wasn't sealed very well from water. The cover and mount rusted, but the radio itself kept on ticking and worked perfectly for two complete seasons despite thorough drenchings from salt spray before finally giving up the ghost. Considering the abuse it received, the radio proved remarkably durable.

My next boat had a better radio box and the next VHF was again a Horizon; this time one of the classic "USA" models. That radio performed flawlessly for three full seasons with not one problem. Again on the next boat the radio of choice was a Horizon. It worked just fine in my 25 Mako from Florida to the Hudson Canyon and never let me down once in five seasons. That radio is still working with no hitches.

My 13 year history with Horizon radios is typical of many fishermen. The name Horizon is virtually synonymous with the term VHF and the company has worked hard to balance innovation with high quality standards and leading edge technology. There are literally tens of thousands of fishermen who trust their safety to Horizon.

Horizon VHFs are marketed by Standard Communications and when the first Horizon was introduced back in 1969 it raised some eyebrows. The trend toward compact radios was a theme in the original models that continues with today's newer versions. The small size was attributed to the extensive use of solid state circuitry which also improved reliability.

Today's versions of the old-time workhorses are far better than their predecessors. And, of course, they should be, as solid state technology immproved with microprocessor controlled designs built around incredibly rugged large scale integrated circuit boards. The materials chosen for production are corrosion resistant and the fit of the outside parts are gasketed on most models and assures water resistant integrity.

Each unit is fully tested at the factory before shipment to dealers and Horizon offers a full one-year warranty against defects if parts or workmanship. Few fishermen ever need to use that warranty but even if something should happen to the radio several fishing seasons down the road, Horizon ex-

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The current lineup of Horizon radios includes four models intended for permanent mounting in a radio or electronics box and one hand-held. Let's take a brief look at the main features of each:

Explorer II: This is Horizon's entry level VHF but although reasonably priced, the unit has all the main features needed such as all U.S. and International channels, six weather channels and 10 expansion channels. Dual range (1 watt/25 watt) output.

The display is of the LED type and the face can be reversed for overhead mounting. A flush mount kit is available as is an external speaker option.

Galaxy: Besides the full U.S. and International channels, there are 10 weather channels and 95 expansion channels available, plus an auto power down on FCC restricted channels. There's a user programmable scan feature, previous channel revert and a lithium battery back-up.

The LCCD display is easy to read, the face plate can be reversed, flush mounting is available and also a quick release mount bracket. Power is 1 to 25 watts.

Voyager: This unit has a swivel face panel that can be positioned at nearly any angle for easy viewing of controls and display. All U.S., Canadian and International channels are available plus expansion for 95 additional channels.

The program scan is backed up with an auto channel 16 priority scan, auto revert and a PA system. This unit cannot be flush mounted because of the swivel face panel. Power is 1 to 25 watts.

Titan: The top of the line model features GAFSET, satellite technology that enhances weak signals and assures clear reception and transmission of radio messages. There's one-touch access to channel 16, all U.S., Canadian and International channels, expandable to 95 additional pending FCC approval, a LCD display, full gasketing and moisture protection and an optional flush mount kit.

HX22OS Hand-Held: Six watts of power, fully gasketed, "Humisealed," full channel selection worldwide use, scanning and channel expansion. There is a wide variety of battery packs, chargers and external speaker/microphones.

Standard Communications has earned the respect of those fishermen who use their boats in demanding conditions. They are reliable, fairly priced and backed up with a good warranty and service policy. I've only hit the highlights in this review. Complete information is available from Standard or your local dealer.

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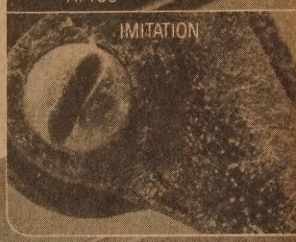
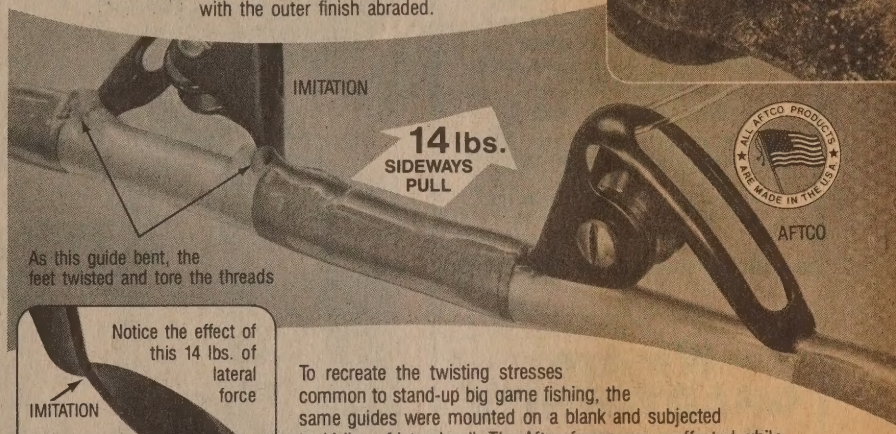
The Aftco guide at right and a close imitation (below) were both tumbled with abrasive pellets to duplicate the abuse of long term offshore fishing, then dipped in and out of ocean water for 3 weeks. The close-up photos show how this extreme abrasion eroded the finish of both, but the saltwater attacked only the imitation and turned it green with corrosion inside and out. The superior metals of the Aftco guide remained unharmed, even with the outer finish abraded.





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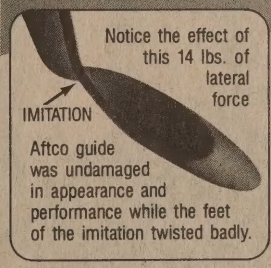
Notice the effect of this 14 lbs. of lateral force
IMITATION
Aftco guide was undamaged in appearance and performance while the feet of the imitation twisted badly.

To recreate the twisting stresses common to stand-up big game fishing, the same guides were mounted on a blank and subjected to 14 lbs. of lateral pull. The Aftco frame was unaffected while the imitation guide bent over a full 90 degrees and ruptured its thread windings.

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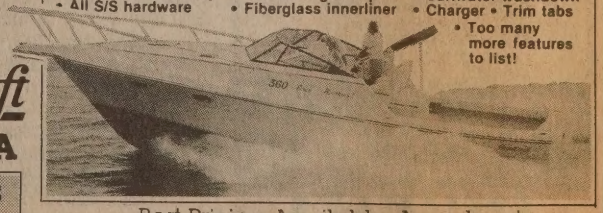

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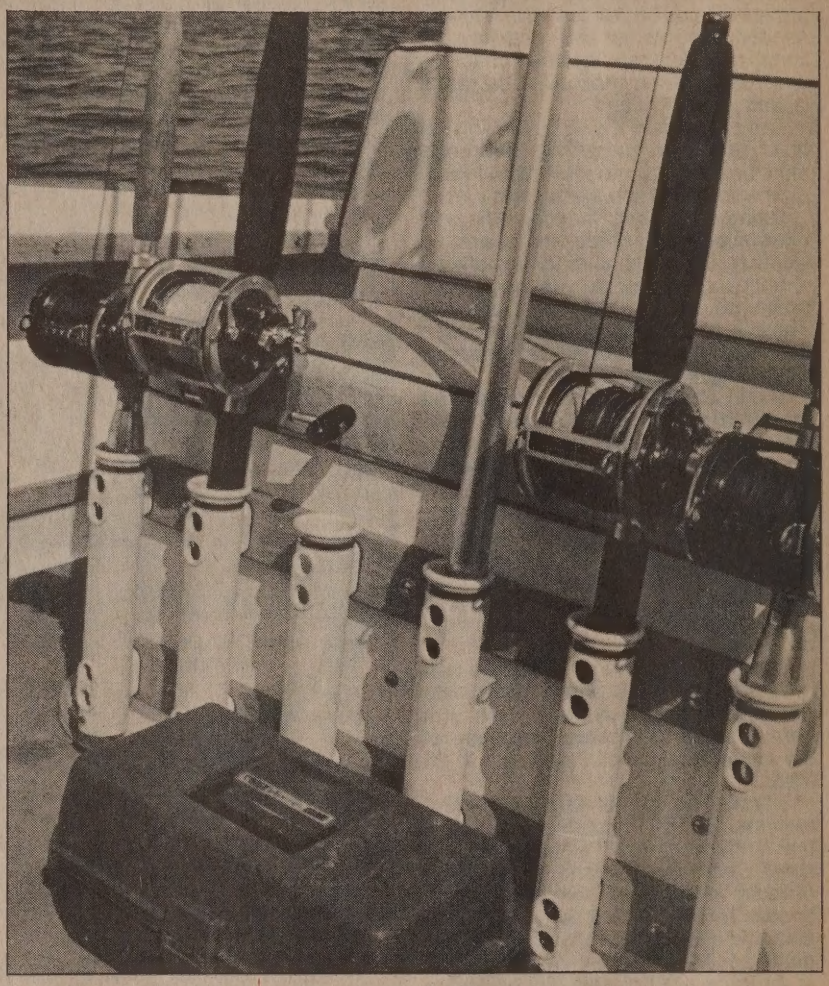

Dear Doc,

I have recently seen a lot of ads for some new Japanese monofilament lines, namely Siglon and Siglon Tournament. I went and priced these lines and found them to be quite expensive to the line I currently use which is Trilene XT, which I consider a top quality line. I did however, notice that this new Japanese mono appears to be significantly smaller in line diameter vs. similar pound test line. I have enclosed the page from the catalog which shows that the diameter of Siglon 50 pound test is .025 (thousandths of an inch) in diameter while the 80 pound test is .030.

How can I find out how the diameter of the line I am currently using compares? The line is Trilene XT 50 pound and 80 pound. Since these lines are smaller(?) in diameter, do they wear out faster? I fear that a small nick would decrease the line breaking point more rapidly as there is less line to cut across which may cause more break-offs if it gets under the boat.

What is your opinion as to which color line is more effective, if any? Over the last two years, it seems that the green lines have been catching more fish in my boat. I realize that this may be a self-fulfilling prophecy, but you can't ignore that most tournament class lines seem to have green shades. What do you think? Tight lines,

Bob Tateosian.

Dear Bob,

Berkley Trilene is indeed a quality line, and we all know how well made Japanese products have become although I have not yet had a chance to try the Siglon line. Trilene XT 50 and 80 pound test is no longer manu-

factured. The XT line goes up to 30 pound test. The 50 and 80 pound tests now fall under the Berkley "Big Game" line category. In these line test categories, the diameter of the 50 pound line is .028 and for 80 pound it is.035. So, as you can see, these lines are larger in diameter, but by only a very slight measure. For their weight class both lines can be considered as small diameter lines. This "Big Game" line is designed to have high energy absorption to withstand the brutal lunge of a tuna and help prevent broken lines when deep jigging for bluefish, striped bass or Southern species like amberjack. It comes in a variety of weight classes from 15 to 130 pound test.

Although these quality lines do have smaller diameters, it does not necessarily mean that they will wear out faster. This is due to the advanced manufacturing techniques employed and use of higher tensile strength nylon. These "thinner" lines often do not absorb as much water as some of the larger diameter lines and thus remain more supple for longer periods.

The higher density molecular structure of these lines also helps prevent breakdown from sunlight. They have been tested and passed as being just as nick resistant as larger diameter lines due to the combination of less water absorption and greater molecular strength. Therefore, if a big tuna or other game fish brings your line under the boat and rubs on the chine, rudder or an anchor line, then you still have the same "chance" of bringing it aboard as you would with a larger diameter line.

The big advantage of these thinner lines is that they are harder for the fish to see. Most fishermen are well aware that tuna and other fish do have acute eyesight and can become line shy. Even voracious fish like bluefish and the freshwater muskie can prove line shy at times. Many of these "shyer" fish can be enticed to slam the bait or lure with a line that is not seen. Smaller diameter lines can help with more hook-ups when the fish are wary and the water is clear.

As far as the color of the line is concerned, it all depends on the type of water you are fishing in. In off-colored waters, green-colored line is the least visible. When the water is clear, however, then the use of clear line is preferable. A discussion with Berkley representative Bob Knopf confirmed this with some of the tests that their team of specialists have done. They use a photospectrometer which measures the index and refraction rate of color in various waters.

This index and refraction rate of water refers to the way light penetrates through it. The use of this device and others has helped line specialists determine how different color lines show up in the water. Green is definitely best for off-colored waters and clear or ultra-clear for clearer water.

Thanks for a tough but interesting bunch of questions.

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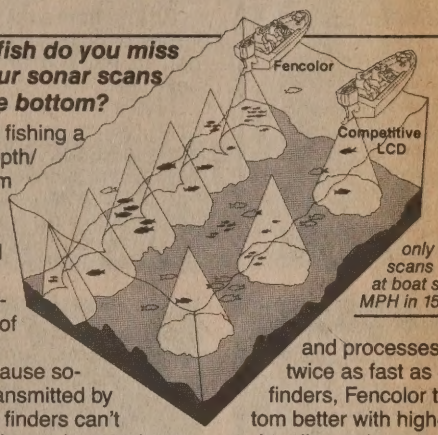

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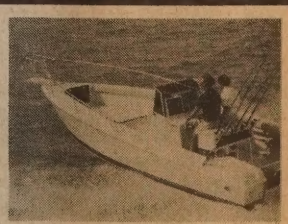

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Dock Lines

By Eric Burnley

Dear Eric,

Sitting home during the off-season, I was thinking about using more live bait in my bay and offshore fishing next year.

I have a 21 foot cuddy cabin, Chris Craft which contains a live well. I don't use the well often because I hate to put saltwater through the well pump. Question: Can I use freshwater in the well and keep saltwater minnows, small spot and other live saltwater bait fresh? *Frank.*

Dear Frank,

Saltwater bait fish will not survive in freshwater. Some, such as killies, will hang on for quite awhile but spot, mullet and bunker will go belly up in a very short time.

It won't do any damage to your live bait well pump by using saltwater. The pump is probably made from plastic and will last just as long.

If you are concerned about salt build-up in the pump you can flush it out with freshwater after each use. I don't think this is necesary but it can't hurt.

Dear Eric,

I recently purchased an aluminum Blue Fin 19 foot bowrider.

I intend to keep it in the water at Delaware Bay all summer. I am painting the bottom with protective paint.

Would leaving an aluminum boat in saltwater, protected with the special paint, hurt it in any way?

Richard Murphy.

Dear Richard,

You should not encounter any problems keeping your boat in the water so long as you use the specially formulated bottom paint designed exclusively for aluminum boats and keep the zinc anodes on your motor in good shape. I suggest you watch the condition of your anodes very carefully as some boats in certain marinas seem to eat them up faster than the same boat might in another location. The electrolysis process is not the most predictable of nature's little quirks.

Make certain all of your hardware is either stainless steel or plastic. Brass and copper must never be used on an aluminum boat in saltwater. I also recommend disconnecting your battery if the boat will not be used for several days. This will not prevent electrolysis but may slow down the effects of this process.

I keep my boat in Delaware Bay for several weeks during the spring and there are many aluminum boats docked in the local marinas. I have not heard of any problems from these boat owners so long as the proper precautions are taken. Be careful when choosing the bottom paint. It must be of the type designed for aluminum boats.

Dear Eric,

As a long time reader of The Fisherman, I have a question that I don't think has been asked before. Last year I purchased a 17 foot fish-ski boat with an OMC Cobra 120 I/O. The question I have is about motor oil. The OMC owner's manual says to use an SF SAE 30 weight oil, with oil changes every 50 hours or 6 months. It also says the use of multi-viscosity oils are not recommended. What about the use of synthetic oils such as Mobil 1 15W-50W, with its superior thermal protection, flow properties, resistance to molecular breakdown and the fact it won't cause sludge formation in the crank case. Wouldn't this be a superior oil for marine use, if I still followed the recommended service schedule? *Jim Stricchiola.*

Dear Jim,

I spoke with a representative of OMC at the New York Boat Show and asked him why you could not use multi-viscosity oil in your Cobra 120. He told me they have found these oils do not hold up as well as SF SAE 30 weight under the demanding conditions of marine use.

A marine engine is under a constant load unless it is idling at the dock. The loads puts a great strain on the lubrication system and even the slightest breakdown in the oil can create a major problem in the engine. For this reason OMC does not recommend any multi-grade or synthetic oil.

When a company such as OMC produces a great number of marine engines and places a warranty on these engines they must take every precaution to ensure proper maintenance is performed on their products. The recommendations in the service manual have tested and proven effective over the years and while something else may work it is quite time consuming and expensive to test and prove the new product. It is a good idea to follow all recommended maintenance procedures exactly

because if you have a problem your warranty may be voided if you used oils or other products not recommended by the manufacturer. It is also a good idea to follow these recommendations because they will ensure that you get the greater service and longest life possible.

Dear Eric,

I own a 16½ foot center console (dry weight 1030 pounds) powered by a 125 hp Force. The boat has a built-in 25 gallon gas tank and two batteries located in the extreme aft section of the boat. I believe this creates a lot of rear weight. I purchased a fin (Whale Tail) which attaches to the cavitation plate on the motor which is supposed to lift the rear of the boat out of the water in half the time at lower RPMs. This fin is similar to the Doel-Fin which is advertised in The Fisherman. My question: I have not attached this to my engine because I don't know if it actually works; and second, will it damage the engine in any way? It would seem that the fin would cause much pressure on the cavitation plate. *Richard Dorsch.*

Dear Richard,

I am not familiar with the Whale Tail product, but I am familiar with the Doel-Fin. I have spoken at length with the manufacturers of the Doel-Fin and they assure me their product will create more lift to the stern for a quicker plane at lower speed. It does put additional strain on the cavitation plate, but not enough to create any problem. The Doel-Fin is plastic and the cavitation plate is metal so any damage that could result would probably be to the fin which is guaranteed against such things.

Before installing any fin you should try adjusting the motor with the trim and tilt control. If you don't have these controls, move the motor manually to change its position relative to the stern. Instructions for doing this should be enclosed in your operator's manual.

Generally the closer you bring the motor to the stern the deeper the bow will be in the water. If you move the motor away from the stern it will raise the bow.

You may have a bit too much motor for a 16½ foot boat. The extra power will help you get up on plane, but the extra weight is adding to the stern heavy feeling of your boat.

We received a letter and thirteen samples of "Flextred" from Mr. Mark Ungerer of Odzenenz, Inc., 7 Shenandoah Drive, Paxton, Mass. 01612. "Flextred" is a self-adhesive, non-skid material that can be used on boat decks as well as other marine applications. Mr. Ungerer saw the Dock Lines column in the January 7th Fisherman where we answered a question on deck coverings by recommending Nautolex which was the only product of its type we found at that time.

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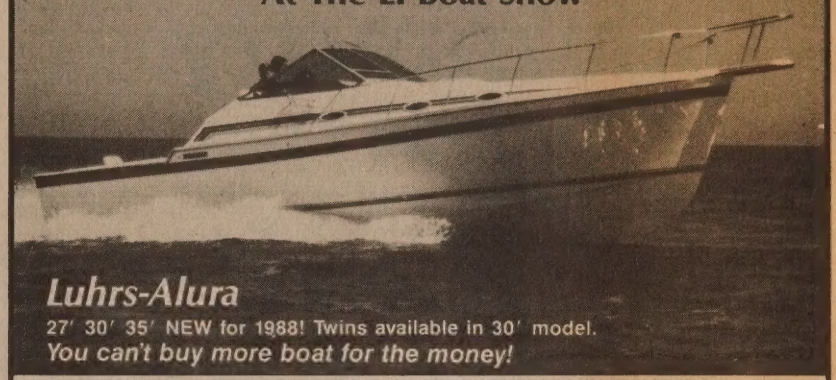

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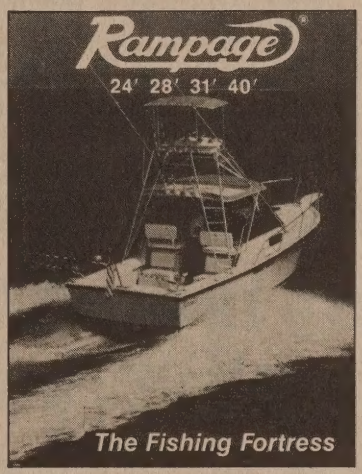

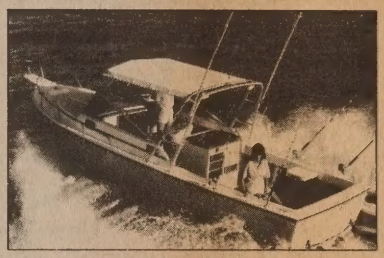

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New York Surf Fishing Contest Summary

By John Fritz

Period Ending November 30, 1987
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CLUB STANDINGS—

CLUB	BASS	BLUE	WEAK	TOTAL
1. Patchogue Fishing Club	1616	912	265	2793
2. Gateway Striper Club	1366	1020	272	2658
3. Mid-Island Surfcasters	1246	973	332	2551
4. East End Surf Fishing	1487	777	134	2398
5. High Hill Striper Club	1036	914	332	2282
6. Hampton Surf Club	1303	726	105	2134
7. Striper Surf Club	1013	669	7	1689
8. L.I. Surf Fishers	683	773	177	1633
9. Paumanok Surfcasters	393	891	148	1432
10. Farragut Striper Club	578	648	204	1430
11. Great South Bay Anglers	403	480	19	902
12. Sunrise Anglers	0	16	0	16

MOST POINTS OVERALL—Individual Top 20

ANGLER	CLUB	BASS	BLUE	WEAK	TOTAL
1. J. Colby	PFC	1111	505	76	1692
2. J. Paduano	EES	564	454	9	1027
3. J. McKay	GSC	512	384	64	960
4. M. Sarro	SSC	445	363	0	808
5. D. Palmer	MIS	186	269	26	481
6. K. Britz	HSC	240	197	10	447
7. S. Leonard	PS	192	197	49	438
8. R. Lucchesi	MIS	170	182	82	434
9. R. Koester	LISA	196	95	122	413
10. M. Beer	GSBA	141	238	0	379
11. W. Kowal	HSC	289	89	0	378
12. R. Glauda	MIS	233	56	78	367
13. J. Sapienza	LISA	166	157	27	350
14. T. Krezenski	HSC	144	173	29	346
15. J. Williams	SSC	258	87	0	345
16. F. Schwab	HHs	162	75	74	311
17. W. Baribault	GSC	165	98	35	298
18. G. Innes	FSC	67	221	0	288
19. R. Perlow	HSC	133	116	34	283
20. J. Marsala	PS	16	217	49	282

HEAVIEST STRIPED BASS—Individual Entry

ANGLER	WEIGHT	CLUB
1. K. Britz	57 pounds, 2 ounces	HSC
2. J. Colby	52 pounds, 8 ounces	PFC
3. J. Paulsen	52 pounds, 0 ounces	EES

HEAVIEST BLUEFISH—Individual Entry

ANGLER	WEIGHT	CLUB
1. K. Britz	19 pounds, 13 ounces	HSC
2. R. Lucchesi	19 pounds, 6 ounces	MIS
3. J. Colby	19 pounds, 0 ounces	PFC

HEAVIEST WEAKFISH—Individual Entry

ANGLER	WEIGHT	CLUB
1. W. Miller	13 pounds, 15 ounces	MIS
2. K. Finn	13 pounds, 10 ounces	HHS
3. W. Baribault	12 pounds, 8 ounces	GSC

RELEASED FISH POINTS—Top 3 Clubs

1. Gateway Striper Club ..... 9063 points
2. High Hill Striper Club ..... 7985 points
3. Mid-Island Surfcasters ..... 6349 points

OUT OF STATE STRIPED BASS—Top 3 Clubs

1. Striper Surf Club ..... 881 points
2. Farragut Striper Club ..... 177 points
3. Paumanok Surfcasters ..... 153 points

WOMEN'S DIVISION—Heaviest of Species

Marion Hulse	EES	Striped Bass	20 pounds, 4 ounces
Eileen Paduano	EES	Bluefish	10 pounds, 0 ounces
Marion Hulse	EES	Weakfish	10 pounds, 0 ounces

CHILDREN'S DIVISION—Heaviest of Species

E. Lucchesi	MIS	Bluefish	16 pounds, 8 ounces
D. Shepherd	HSC	Weakfish	11 pounds, 8 ounces

The New York Surf Fishing Contest continues to attract increased participation from Long Island's surf fishing community. Twelve Island-based clubs and their members competed against each other for top honors over the span of an exciting season, prematurely cut short by unseasonably cold weather last November. It was a season highlighted by unprecedented numbers of striped bass and by the results compiled by the individual efforts of a few hard working surf fishermen.

The contest season opened with a record breaking number of striped bass being entered for the month of April, thanks to Lilco's thermal pollution of Long Island Sound. Glenn Just and John Paduano, both from East End Surf Fishing Club, started the season on 4/4, with two bass taken from the outflow at Northport. This same club, led by Stan Hentschel's 21 pounder, led all other clubs during this initial month with 90 points. Stan's fish proved to be of sufficient weight to become the largest bass taken in the month of April, ousting a 20 lb. fish landed by A. Anuszewski back in 1980. A total of 131 points were entered for April, the highest amount recorded for that month since the inception of this contest, setting a pattern whereby new monthly totals were posted in 6 of the 8 months.

Further indications that bass fishing seems to be on the upswing, contrary to all the reports from the troubled Chesapeake, is shown by the fact that in the 8 months that the contest spans, the largest bass of the month had been superseded 5 times by a fish caught this past season. Walter Kowal did it in May with a 43.8 lb. cow; Pete Cilento set a new record for July with a 51; John Paduano for a 46.12 lb. bass in September and Karl Britz set a new overall record in October, with a huge 57.2 lb. striped bass.

The old record of 481 striped bass points, for an individual over the course of a season, was shattered by Jason Colby with a grand total of 1111 bass points. Jason also set a new record of bass points during a month's fishing. In November, he entered 233 points for surf caught striped bass. More on Jason's personal revision of the record book later.

In June an interesting coincidence occurred in both '86 and '87: the exact same number of bluefish and weakfish were entered each year. On the other hand, 30 more bass were entered in '87. The total weight of the bluefish increased slightly—38 lbs. overall to be exact. Over the course of the year, 670 blues were entered in '87 as compared to 581 in 1986. A comparison of weights shows 8799 lbs. of blues entered in '87 versus 7511 for '86, a slight increase in average weight from 12.9 lbs. to 13.1 lbs. This fact came as a surprise, for in my estimation, I thought the size of the bluefish taken during the fall run was considerably smaller than in past years.

In comparison to the almost insignificant increases in the bluefish statistics, a look at the tallies for striped bass shows a marked increase in all categories. Comparison of the past two years points out that 431 bass weighing 8,351 lbs. were beached in 1986, '87's figures show 576 bass equalling 11,124 points were entered into the contest. If my division is correct the average weight in '86 was 12.9 lbs. as compared to 19.3 lbs. in 1987.

The weakfish statistics, on the other hand, were a bit depressing for catches of this fine game fish has fallen off considerably. Only 209 weaks were entered in 1987 as compared to 259 in 1986, a decline of approximately 20 percent. Total weights were down also, 2562 lbs. in '86; 1995 in '87, with the average weights almost identical, 9.9 in '86 and 9.5 this past season.

There were 89 bass weighing over 30 lbs., six topping the magic 50 mark. Only 26 bluefish over 18 lbs. were posted in '87, in contrast to 45 such fish entered the year before. Is this due to more accurate weighing or is it a decline in the number of alligator blues? A similar study of weakfish tallies shows 110 weaks over 11 lbs. in '86, while in '87, only 61 tiderunners were caught.

grand total of 35,516 lbs. of fish were released by the 12 competing clubs, a conservative figure, for I know many other fish were released and not counted. This shows a true spirit of concern for the future of our sport unlike the "I'll take mine today and tomorrow be damned" attitude so prevalent in today's society.

Patchogue Fishing Club, with 1616 points, set a new record for Club Striped Bass Points beating the old mark of 1312 set the previous year by Mid-Island Surfcasters. Gateway Striper Club altered the record book with a tally of 1020 bluefish points, again beating the previous year's record set by Mid-Island; East End Surf Fishing Club had the most participants entering fish, 25, and the greatest number of striped bass entries, 76, both establishing new records. Members of the Striper Surf Club, upped the record for Out-of-State Bass from 710 points to 881.

Without a doubt the greatest number of changes in the records was the result of the efforts of a single individual, Jason Colby, for he alone raised the figures on almost every category except weakfish. Among his accomplishments are new records in Total Points, Striped Bass Points, Bluefish Points, Number of Striped Bass Entered, Number of Bluefish

A study of these statistics can reveal some interesting patterns over the years. For instance, it is evident that in this past season, the largest and greatest number of striped bass have been taken from the waters of the south shore. This standard has held throughout the course of the contest, though Montauk did come close to producing the most bass in '84. In a similar vein, the south shore has consistently provided the surf fisherman with the best bluefishing. In only one year, 1982, did another area of the Island come close. Almost as many large blues were beached on the north shore in that particular season, otherwise the place to be had your nose pointed in a southerly direction. Weakfish proved to be a little more divers, the top areas alternating between the south shore, the north shore and Montauk.

A study of these figures must be tempered with the understanding that the number of clubs competing varies from year to year. After holding relatively steady for the first four years of the contest, the number of anglers competing has risen considerably. Last year 163 surfmen entered fish into the contest, a conservative figure because not every angler had fish large enough to qualify among the 10 best for that particular month.

A bevy of contest records fell by the wayside in 1987.

During 1987, contestants also recorded the earliest entry date for a striped bass with two slips dated April 3rd. On the other hand, the closing dates for the past season fell somewhat short of what has been the norm over the past five years.

This year 62 anglers achieved 100 or more points as compared to 49 in 1986. Two individuals compiled more than 1,000 points, a feat never before accomplished in the New York Surf Fishing Contest. Congratulations to Jason Colby for his record setting 1,692 points and John Paduano for posting 1,027 points. It should also be noted that James McKay bettered the previous high, set the year before, with 960 points. In any previous year Mitch Sarro, with his 808 points, would have been among the top three but it seems that in the future it will take an extraordinary effort and outstanding success to qualify for a trophy.

Collectively, the totals for the clubs inched upwards somewhat. The current mark for Total Points was increased by 42 points by the Patchogue Fishing Club. The new total for Release Points rose significantly when Gateway Striper Club added 1,283 points to the old mark. Overall a

Entered and Total Entries. Monthly records include Total Points in a month, Striped Bass Points, Number of Entries and most points for every month but April, Stan Hentschel set a new mark for the opening month.

Lost among Jason's achievements were Scott leonard's new monthly bluefish tally of 150 points. Gary Innes and John Paduano joined Colby in tying the mark of entering 10 bluefish in a single month.

I would also like to compliment Marge Buss and Gerri Scotti, two women who chose to compete as equals in this contest. Although they didn't win any trophies they did post respectable numbers at a time when competition was keen.

In the Junior Division, Donald Shepherd set a new weakfish record with a yellowtail of 11.8 lbs. Edward Lucchesi tied the existing record for largest bluefish with a hefty 16.8 lb. fish.

An in-depth study of the statistics compiled by this past year's contestants will be forwarded to each participating club; a sufficient number so that each member should receive a copy. Any club interested in joining the competition can contact Fred Golofaro at The Fisherman.

Competition in some clubs was especially keen and anglers with limited opportunities found it was difficult to score points. In addition, the figures for striped bass may be somewhat misleading. In '80 and '81 there was a 15 lb. minimum on bass, thereafter the minimum weight was lowered to 10 lbs.

This is my last year as Contest Coordinator. I am passing the buck on to Felix Cariello. I would like to thank all those who have made my task easier with their timely and accurate reports. I would also like to congratulate the winners and all contestants for making the New York Surf Fishing Contest such a great success. This contest has come a long way since that night at Caumsett when Dave Karikas and I bemoaned the fact that there was no longer any Schaefer type fishing contests in existence. A great part of this success must be laid in the lap of The Fisherman for their continuing support these past five years. I might be a bit biased, but every sport fisherman, whether he pursues it from the deck of an expensive boat or walks to the shore with his gear stuffed in a plastic pail, should be thankful to have such a strong advocate supporting our interests.

Do-It-Yourself:

Beach Buggy Cooler Rack

Part III — By William A. Muller

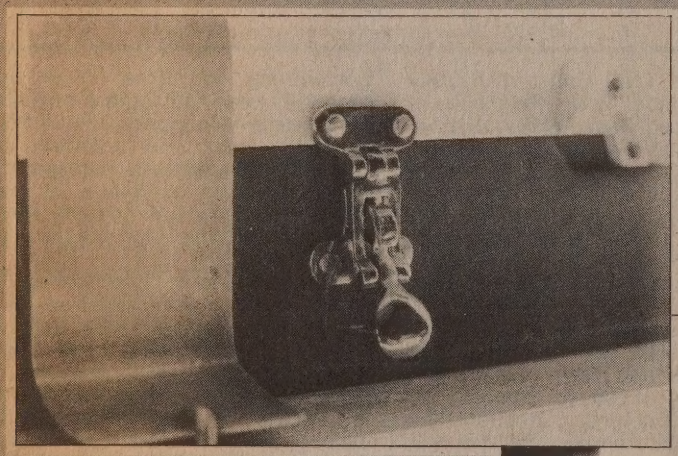
I hope your cooler cradle came out well. I must confess to being a little nervous each time I write one of these very goal-specific articles since I'm always afraid that no matter how well I plan the articles, I'll forget something; something quite crucial to the success of the final product or the sanity of the builder. I guess that's because I know how frustrated I get when trying to follow somebody's directions because, let's face it, I'm not a master craftsman. I plod through these projects and when they turn out well, as this one did, then I know anyone can make it, and I better not mess up the directions.

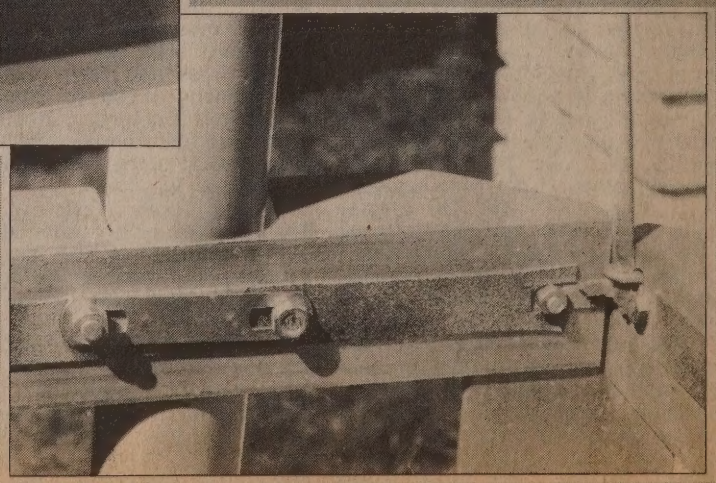
So, we've gotten this far. Now a few finishing touches are in order. A few weeks after I finished the cradle I came across Steve Petri on the beach. He walked back and forth in front of the cooler and cradle, then got down on a knee to look at the receivers, stood up, and said: "Nice job, Bill! It came out very good, pal. But, this won't cut it!"

Steve was looking at the front of the cooler. He motioned me to come over to his vehicle, which I did obediently. Steve was pointing to a lock-down latch on his cooler. Okay, the next day I was on my way to a marine supply store to purchase a latch. Measure the area of lid and cooler so you know how much room you have to play with, which will determine the size of the latch.

Next, buy one of those hold-down devices. You know the kind I mean. They are made of either rubber or stretchable cord, with heavy duty wire two-way hooks on each end. I bought a 36 inch stretch rubber model. When I'm on the road I hook it on the back of the top of the cradle, angle it across the top of the cooler, and then catch it under the bottom edge of the top of the cradle. The result is that the cooler is held in place. It doesn't bounce around in the cradle, which means it doesn't get scratched or dented. These stretchy securing devices are inexpensive and worth it.

It is convenient to have a couple of rod holders on the side of the cradle, although not essential. If you'd like to add them you can do so easily. If you are undecided, consider that they become a fast place to store rods when





Right: This photo shows how I applied the cork tape and how the rod holders were attached using automobile exhaust system clamps. Left: The lock-down latch which is a more convenient and stronger latch than the plastic device that came with my cooler. Also note the aluminum lock-down strip device to the left of the chrome latch.

leap-frogging down the beach, when retying, rebaiting, changing lures, or unhooking fish.

The size of the rod holders will be decided by the size of the rods you use. I used 2 inch PVC pipe for my holders because I mostly use larger outfits (11 through 13 foot models) at spots where buggies are permitted. Draw a "C" shaped mark on the upper flange of aluminum on the sides of the cradle. The distance between the top and the bottom of the "C" should be equal to the outside diameter of the PVC pipe: in this case 2¼ inches.

Next, drill four holes for each holder. Two on the top and two on the bottom side of the cooler cradle. The distance between the two holes on the top or bottom aluminum should correspond to the exhaust clamp needed to secure the PVC pipe section you have decided to use: In this case I used a 2½ inch clamp. The accompanying photo shows how the clamp is used to secure the PVC pipe section to the side of the cradle. Again, use a file to remove the burrs created when you cut out the "C" shaped area previously marked with a pencil.

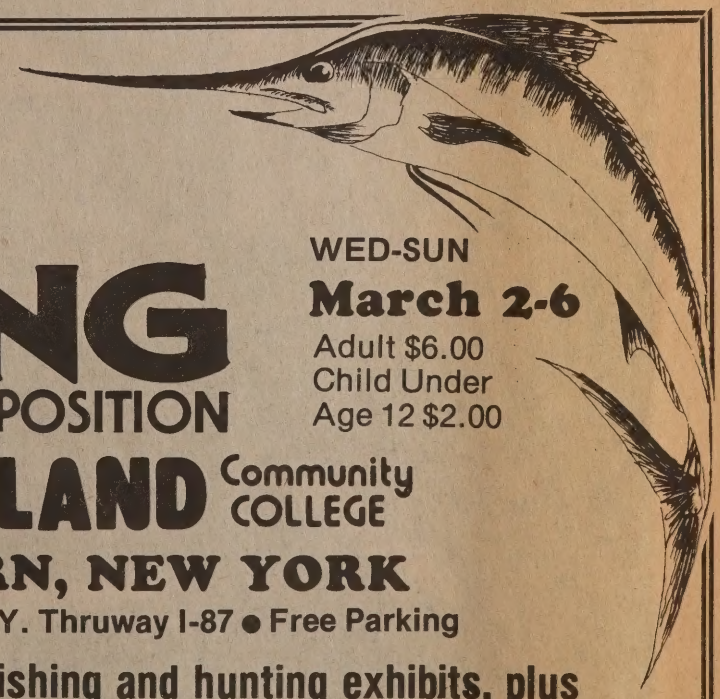
Another suggestion is to angle the rod holder forward about 10 degrees. The size of the incline is a recommendation, but should be done according to personal preference. In order to angle the holder, drill the two holes for the bottom clamp back (closer to the bumper) than the top position of the holder.

In may also be convenient to be able to lock the cooler on to the cradle. To make a lock-up device first buy some 1/8 inch aluminum strips. The strips should be at least 4 inches wide, but 6 inches is better. Bend one end over sharply so that when it is slipped between the cooler and the cradle it will hook under the bottom edge of the top of the cradle frame. Now, bend it with heavy duty pliers to conform to the edge of the top of the cooler. When you get to the front of the cooler, bend down across the front face of the cooler. Then, bend outward, away from the cooler, at 90 degrees. Cut flush with the outer edge of the flange of the top of the cooler cradle. Cut a one or two foot length of the aluminum strip material. This will be a cross piece to the trip across the top of the cooler. It should be positioned halfway across the top of the cooler. The lock-down device should be positioned directly across the middle of the cooler. The cross piece can be welded to the main strip or bolted. Welding is better since bolts may scratch the top of the cooler. Bolts will need to be padded.

Drill a hole through the lock-down device and the cradle frame top. Use a non-corrosive type lock to secure the lock-down device to the cradle frame. You can now leave your cooler without the worry of it being robbed. Sure, it is still possible to steal the cooler or contents, but the lock-down device will necessitate some considerable effort, and a would-be thief will need to be prepared with the right tools. Most thefts of this type will be of the impulse variety, so this device will do the trick and inexpensively. Why protect the cooler? Larger coolers cost over $100 and on more than one occasion a valued fish has disappeared from an unlocked cooler.

I also secured the cradle inserts to the receivers so that the cradle can be left on the vehicle all season without fear of theft. I again used a 1/4 inch metal drill bit. I drilled two holes: one through each receiver with inserts in operational position. Through one receiver and insert I added a 3 inch stainless steel bolt, a lock washer and secured the bolt with a nut. To the other hole I added a brass lock. When drilling this hole be certain to allow for the gap of the lock so that it will close.

I hope you enjoy your cooler cradle as much as I have, and I hope you have some fun making it. I know I did. I have a few care suggestions for you. First, spray locks with silicone spray every couple of weeks to prevent salt, grease, dirt, and sand from preventing proper operation. Second, buy some aluminum cleaner. I have found the liquid type is better and easier to use. Apply every week or two with a scrub brush, rinse with clean water. At the end of the season repaint the receivers and insert steel before storing.



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Part Two — By Gary Caputi

The Zara Spook: James T. Heddon & Sons of Dowagiac, Michigan, is one of the oldest lure companies in the world and could provide enough material on antique lures to fill volumes. Our guide to Heddon's past is Clyde Harbin of Memphis, Tennessee who has been studying the history of the company and the Heddon family for over a decade.

The Heddon family came to American from England in 1832 in the form of grandfather Thomas. Along with his family, he settled in Genesee, New York and his son Richard later moved to Michigan. Grandson James began his fishing tackle business about 1888 with his two sons, Charles and Will who bankrolled the the company for dad and a legend in American fishing was begun.

Will was the most prolific of the family lure designers and carved the original lure that was later to gain fame as the Zara Spook while he was living in Pensacola, Florida. The original lure was unique in action, with its cigar-shaped body carved out of cedar. When first shown in 1920, it was named the Zara Gossa.

The name was acquired because of the provocative side-to-side action that is produced when worked properly with long sweeps of the fishing rod. When asked to explain the action of the lure, what we call "walking the dog", Will likened it to the way a "lady of the evening" swings her hips in a syncopated motion when looking for business. Pensacola is home to a large Naval base and in those Prohibition Era days, had a notorious Red Light District. The center of that district was Zara Gossa Street and that was the name Will gave his new lure.

The Zara Gossa became quite popular for bass and many saltwater gamesters, especially Florida's snook. It was offered in wood form until the late 1930s when a new material became available for molding lures: plastic. This innovation gave the lure manufacturer a method of mass producing lures for the ever expanding market and in the 1939 Heddon catalog, the Zara Spook made its debut in plastic, while the Zara Gossa disappeared from the line. It might have been the ushering in of a new period of morality that caused the name change, but no one really knows.

The Zara Spook has been a perennial favorite among bass fishermen since its introduction and even today the touring pros depend on the Spook for tournament winning catches. With the walking action that is the Spook's alone, it is one of the most fun lures a bass fisherman can throw, coaxing savage surface strikes out of often wary game fish.

Several years ago, Heddon was purchased by Plastics Research and became of the family of lure companies under this growing banner including Rebel, Cordell and most recently, Whopper Stopper. The latest improvement to this old favorite is the addition of the "G" finish, a newly developed coating that duplicates the actual flash of a living fish's scales. It is still one of

the top selling lures in the Heddon arsenal.

The Rapala Floating Minnow: It's 1936 in a remote area of Finland and a young fisherman named Lauri Rapala lived in a single room log home with his wife and family. Lauri had no formal education and worked hard to sustain his family by fishing for the trout and salmon that inhabited his home waters. After he set his nets, he would spend hours watching the schools of baitfish that swam around his boat. His fascination with these small fish led him to a discovery that eventually gained him worldwide recognition. He watched as game fish would pick one baitfish out of a school of thousands and tried to determime why it singled out that particular fish. He determined it was the swimming motion of the sick, weak or old baitfish that drew the strike and he took up his whittling knife, some birch bark and his eye for detail and started carving, working the wood to recreate that slightly off balance roll that spells death to an unlucky baitfish.

Through trial and error, he eventually came upon a design that proved capable of getting the desired results from the game fish. And with it came a new business as word spread throughout Scandinavia that a simple fisherman from Finland named Rapala had discovered the ultimate fishing lure. Since the bark needed to provide the right buoyancy for the lures was scarce and inconsistent in makeup, Lauri began trying other woods and hit upon balsa, which proved to be the ideal material. Pretty soon, his whole family was involved in making lures and commercial fishing fell by the wayside.

His fame spread and several of his lures found their way into the large Scandinavian community located around Minneapolis. Into the hands of two enterprising young tackle shop owners came a few early Rapala lures and Ron Weber and Ray Ostrum decided that on a trip to Finland they would seek out the designer. When they finally met Lauri Rapala in 1959 a deal was struck to buy as many lures as he could produce and sell them in America. The creation of the Normark Corporation, one of today's industry leaders, was at hand.

A funny quirk of fate skyrocketed the Rapala floating minnow to fishing fame just three years later. An article appeared in an issue of Life Magazine titled "The Lure That Fish Can't Resist," probably the only fishing article the magazine ever ran. That recognition in itself was great, but what made it even more fantastic was that it appeared in the issue of Life that featured Marilyn Monroe on the cover, which was the largest selling single issue of any magazine to that date in America. It spelled instant recognition and fame!

The rest of this success story revolves around the continued reputation the Rapala lure has earned and maintained over these many years. This and

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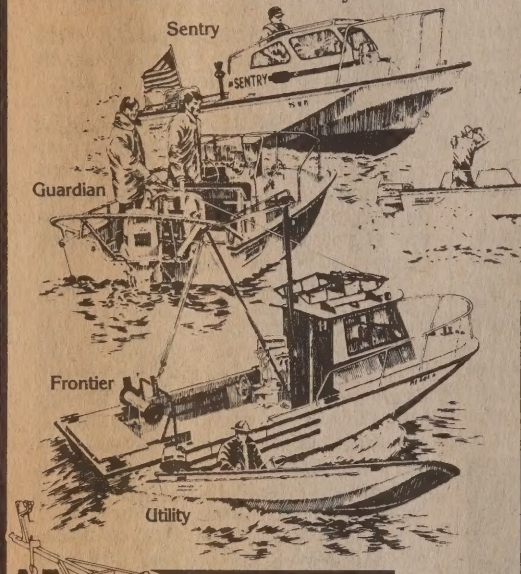

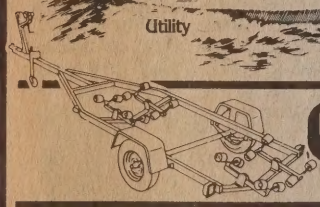

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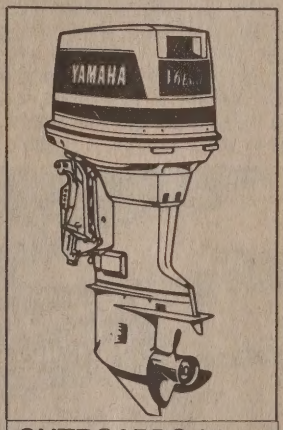

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all Rapala lures are still made in Finland and imported by Normark. Lauri's three sons still operate what is now one of the largest manufacturing companies in Finland. Much of the lure's construction is still done by hand and each and every lure that is built must pass the scrutiny of the tester at the end of the assembly line. He tests each lure in a tank to be certain that it possesses that special "roll" of the weak or wounded baitfish that continues to entice game fish all over the world.

Today, the original Rapala floating minnow is still one of the most awesome fishing lures ever devised. They are used in every phase of freshwater fishing and saltwater models work equally well. The legacy of Lauri Rapala continues long after he passed away and the modest fisherman who studied the baitfish of his home lake is a legend the world over.

Mepps Aglia Spinner: Around 1938, an engineer for the Peugeot Car Company of France named Andre Muelnart was an avid fisherman and as engineers often do, he designed things for his own use to benefit his favorite recreation. An unusual combination of parts came together as the Aglia spinner and its success in Europe became the start of a small business to manufacture this fish-catching invention. It was named MEPPS (which stands for *Manufacturier d'Engins de Precision Pur Peche Sportive*). Quite a mouthful!

The onslaught of World War II interrupted the little fishing lure company in Paris, but did not kill it altogether. GI's, coming home from their victory in Europe pocketed some of these lures to try in their own country and found them to be deadly.

One fell into the hands of an avid fisherman from Antigo, Wisconsin named Todd Sheldon and after it sat in his tackle box much too long, he decided to give it a try one day in 1951 on the Wolf River while fishing for trout. It worked better than he ever dreamed a lure could. Sheldon was so impressed with the little French spinner that he decided to sell them in his sport shop. He got them through a friend who still corresponded with a lady he met in Paris. The intitial purchases were made by trading nylon stockings by mail for return shipments of Mepps lures. But soon, the demand far outstripped the supply and Sheldon began a distributorship that contracted the North American rights to sell the lures. That was 1954 and after Todd bought out his partner in 1960, the company was named Sheldon's, Inc.

Talk about success: since 1960, Sheldon's has sold over 90 million Mepps spinners, with the original Aglia still leading the pack. Today, the Mepps spinner continues to catch record fish all over the world and has caught more record fish in the Field & Stream and Sports Afield annual fishing contests that any other lure ever made. In fact, they have been the No. 1 lure in these contests for 11 of the last 12 years running. And the popularity of this lure, the brain child of Andre Meulnart, con-

tinues to bring success to fishermen all over the world.

The Arbogast Jitterbug: In the 1920s a young man by the name of Fred Arbogast was working for the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company in their Akron, Ohio plant. He was an avid fisherman whose main interest was pursuing the largemouth bass that were found in abundance in the many lakes and ponds near his home.

In his forays for old Mr. Bass, he began thinking about better methods and lures for catching this game fish and devoted his spare time to designing and trying homemade lures. His first design was a metal spoon type lure he called the Tin Lizzy. It caught fish for him and his friends and a reputation began forming around his fish-catching abilities and the effectiveness of his lures.

In 1932, friends prodded Arbogast into becoming a full time lure maker and to take some of the designs he was working on and produce them for sale. That was the birth of the Fred Arbogast Company and the Tin Lizzy was only the beginning. Long about 1936, Fred introduced the Hawaiian Wiggler, an unusual in-line spinner bait that ran deep, a departure from many of the shallow running bass lures of this era.

In 1938, after a long period of development and testing, Fred's fledgling company introduced one of the classic lures of all times: the Jitterbug. It was unique in look, action and its amazing ability to catch bass. Lots of bass! In just a short time, the Jitterbug became a sensation among bass fishermen all over the country. Its one of a kind double-lobbed lip causes the lure to make a "blooping" sound as it paddles along the surface.

The original Jitterbugs were carved from aromatic cedar wood and had the lip screwed in place. In the 1940s, the cedar wood used for the lure's body became difficult and more expensive to obtain and plastic technology more applicable to lure making; so the change was made with careful attention to the density and buoyancy of the lure. They work as well as the wood did and the lure's fame continued to grow among bass fishermen.

Fred passed away in 1947 and after some years of looking for the right person to run the business, Dick Kotis was "lured" away from Kent State University, where he was the football and basketball coach. Dick was also an avid angler and he taught a fishing course at the university. It was an excellent choice for the company and for Dick, who continues the traditions that were started by Fred Arbogast so many years ago, building quality lures that catch fish. The Jitterbug is probably the most commonly known bass lure in the world and is still just about every bass fisherman's favorite surface lure, a position it will retain for years to come.

We hope you enjoyed a look at some classic lures and their history. If you would like to read more about other lures with historical backgrounds like these, drop me a note c/o The Fisherman.

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Like everything else in this great modern world, the size of generators is shrinking. If costs aren't going down, at least they aren't going up rapidly and the end result is that more of todays' consumers can afford generators. Tim Doherty of Atlantic Sport Fishing mentioned that most of the 32 and 37 Topaz boats they sell are ordered by the customer with a generator as an option. Many other dealers echo the same trend; from 28 footers to 42 footers the genset is on its way to becoming standard equipment.

Several advances in technology have added to the appeal of generators. First is the sound level. A few years ago generators were noisy, requiring lots of soundproofing material around them and sometimes even a special compartment for the unit to sit in, again to help deaden the noisy operation. Today that has changed dramatically. A Westerbeke 6.5 kw unit on a 32 Blackfin barely made enough above deck noise to be heard above the Jimmy Buffet tape being played on the stereo.

A second important breakthrough is the decrease in the overall size of generators. Several manufacturers I spoke with at the New York Boat Show made a point of telling me their current line of gensets was significantly smaller than gensets of the same power that were marketed 10 years ago.

A third trend, the marketing of lower output gensets, has brought them into the range of the mid-range boater. Years ago gensets were all large in size and output. Even if you could fit a generator on your boat its electrical output was far beyond the needs of a small boat. Few fishermen could justify the expense. There are gensets offered by each of the major manufacturers that are down in the 3.0 and 4.5 kw range—perfect for a 28 to 35 foot boat.

Generators are typically operating at lower engine RPMs than older generators. This helps keep the noise level down and also helps fuel consumption.

An alternative to a permanently mounted genset is the option to use a portable unit like the kind sold by Yamaha, Nissan and others. The use of portable units brings the capability of generators down to boats of 20 to 30 feet at even lower cost without sacrificing reliability or power.

The selection of a genset is a major decision and second to the main engine, it may be the most expensive single piece of equipment on board Buying a cheap set, however, can be penny wise and pound foolish. Depending on your vessel, a generator can log two or three times as many hours as the main engine.

Choosing the right set is not difficult if you take the time to analyze your requirements carefully. You will also need to know a few terms and have a basic understanding of the different types of generator sets and their operating principles. The following advice on selecting a genset came from manufacturers I talked with at

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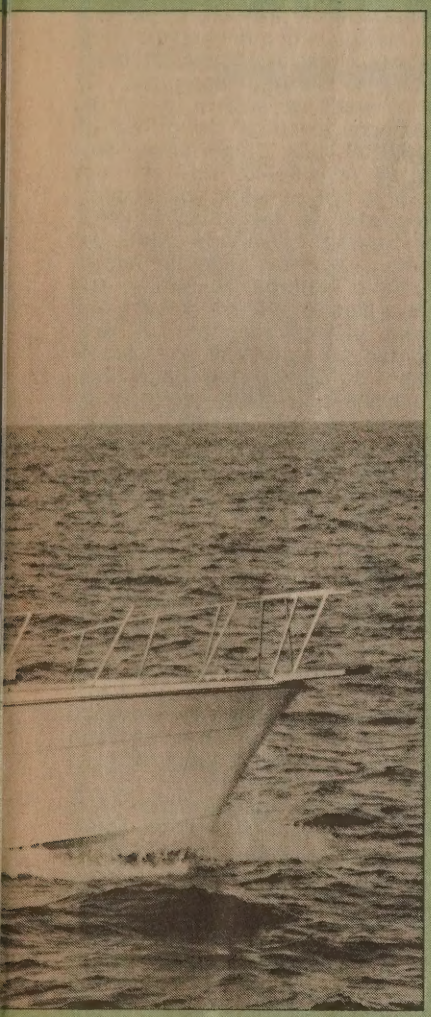

Once a luxury for super yachts, generators are becoming standard issue on many fishing boats.

the Marine Trades Show and the New York Boat Show. I'm especially thankful for the help from Northern Lights, Onan, Westerbeke and Kohler.

Generators that produce DC (direct current) have all but disappeared with only a few sold each year to repower older boats. The unit of choice is almost unanimously an AC type generator to supply power for air conditioning, microwaves, power tools, floodlights and minor appliances like hair dryers.

Electronic equipment is designed to be used with power of a fixed frequency: 60 Hz in the United States and Canada; 50 Hz in Europe and Australia. The frequency output of a generator depends on a fixed engine speed. To produce 60 Hz electricity the engine must operate at 1200, 1800 or 3600 RPMs. Each has its advantages and drawbacks.

1200 RPM, six pole sets run 33 percent slower than conventional 1800 RPM sets. Naturally, they are quieter. In addition, engine life may be extended. They are also larger, heavier and more expensive than 1800 RPM sets of like output. But, if on board comfort is important to you, 1200 RPM is worth consideration.

1800 RPM, four pole sets are most common aboard fishing vessels. They are the best balance of noise, efficiency, weight and engine life. They are the most common gensets sold today for mid-sized fishing boats.

3600 RPM, two pole sets are small. However, they are light duty as well as lightweight and best suited for portable, home use. These are the sets sold by companies like Yamaha for use in camps, for home safety backups in case of power shortages and for light marine use.

Gas or diesel is usually answered by the choice of the boat's main fuel supply. If the boat uses gas for its engines, a gas genset is A-Okay. If diesel is the primary fuel, then stay with a diesel genset. Diesel fuel offers obvious safety advantages. If you want the extra life and safety of a diesel set on a gas powered boat, make sure the set is approved to operate in a gasoline atmosphere, or that it is isolated away from any possible gas fumes.

Air cooled engines use a tremendous amount of air and require more ducting than is feasible in tight engine rooms and they are *very* noisy, too.

Liquid cooled engines are available in heat exchanger, keel cooled or direct sea water configurations. Keel cool sets should have their own cooler and not be tied to the main engine's system. Direct sea water is not suitable for most marine applications and should be avoided.

In-line engines offer the easiest installation and service and are used almost exclusively by all the major genset manufacturers. Two cylinder engines are unbalanced and tend to vibrate just like four cylinder engines that have the same problem. Look for four bangers with counter-rotating balancing shafts to take the shake out. Three and six cylinder engines are naturally balanced and are much smoother running.

Since generators operate at a low RPM, it is important that the engine produce its maximum torque near or below the operating speed. Automotive engines, for example, produce max torque at a higher speed. When operated at 1800 RPM they are already working on the downside of their torque curve. This limits their ability to pick up electrical load and start motors. This is why few engines work at 1200 RPM. Ask to see the engine's torque curve before you buy.

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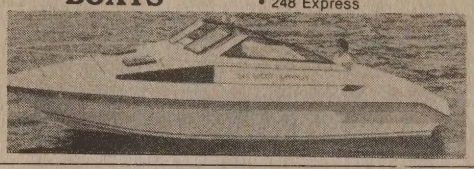

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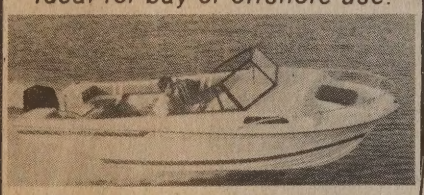

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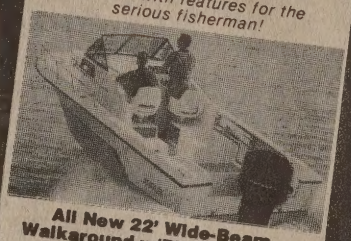

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manifolds are a fire hazard because they get so hot. If the genset has a turbocharger, it should be liquid cooled as well.

Service points should be grouped on one side of the engine, especially if the generator mounts against a bulkhead. Liquid cooled, replaceable cylinder liners will cut rebuilding costs if you keep the generator long enough. The set should have safety shutdowns for high water temperature and low oil pressure. Look for a clean design with a minimum of trouble spots, especially hoses and belts, gaskets, hose clamps and pipes.

Most small generators are of the three-phase electrical design set up for 120/208 volts. Single phase sets are 120 or 120/240. Use the low voltage to run domestic appliances.

Regulation is how closely the generator controls its voltage output. An externally regulated generator has an automatic voltage regulator and holds a plus or minus 1 percent to 2 percent voltage tolerance. A self-regulated generator holds a plus or minus 1 to 2 percent voltage tolerance. A self-regulated generator holds a plus or minus 5 percent tolerance, but has no regulator to fail and is less expensive. Generally, sets under 20 KW are self-regulated and work fine for all but the most sensitive electronics.

Choosing the right size (electrically) is the most important step in your choice of a generator. A set that is too small won't last, will smoke and can do damage to your electrical equipment. If it is too large, the engine will carbon up, slop fuel and run inefficiently. Northern Lights recommends that a generator set never run with less than 25 percent load and 35 to 70 percent is optimum.

To estimate your electrical load, add the total wattage of all the equipment you will operate at one time. The wattage needed to run the equipment is usually listed on the name plate of the appliance. If amperage rather than watts is listed, use this formula to figure wattage: amps times volts equal watts.

Remember to consider the equipment you plan to add in the future and select a set you can grow into. If you are going to have a front power take-off be sure to total the horsepower requirements of the equipment that it will run and add that to the total size of the set.

Circuit breakers should be used to protect the generator from short circuits and unbalanced electrical loads and the breakers should be mounted as close as possible to the set.

Once you have selected the size genset needed and made a list of any options you want, it's time to see the dealer. Choose a specialist who handles a full line of generator sets. Explain your needs and let him make recommendations; with your knowledge of the boat and his genset expertise, you will be able to design a power system that will give you years of reliable service.

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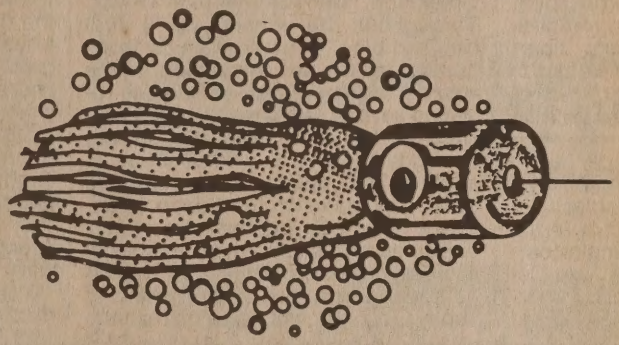

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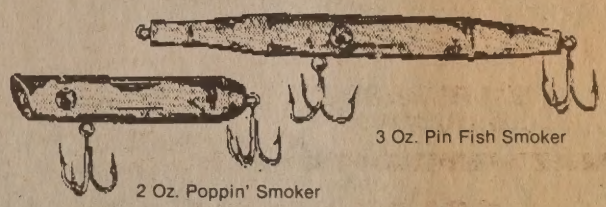

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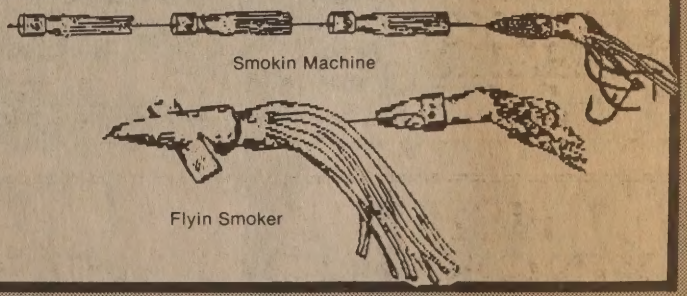

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Frigid Trouting

By Fred Golofaro

No Long Islander has to be reminded that come winter, angling opportunities diminish considerably around these parts. Few other stretches of coastline offer the diversity that we are blessed with for most of the year, but that January and March period sees options severely diminished. Chasing cod or whiting from the deck of a party packet, chopping holes through the ice of your favorite pond, working the warm water outflows of power plants or poking around tidal creeks in quest of white perch pretty much make up the winter agenda.

But there is another alternative that has continued to grow in popularity in recent years and is second only to the winter party boat scene in angler participation. Since the New York Department of Environmental Conservation saw fit to permit year-round trouting in Long Island's three major tidal rivers, the Nissequogue, Carmans and Connetquot, there has been an influx of otherwise saltwater oriented anglers into this fishing.

Nowhere is this more evident than at Bubbles Falls and Rattlesnake Creek on the Connetquot River. Throughout the winter, you'll find cars and bicycles parked beside these popular trout holes, regardless of the weather. A recent visit to Bubbles revealed several faces more often associated with chasing blues and stripers on sandy beaches as well as a pair of anglers who spend their summers serving as mates on local open boats. There is no denying that the winter doldrums and cabin fever are prime sources of motivation for luring otherwise salty folks to this brand of fishing, but the fact remains that the Connetquot provides the best shot at quality trout fishing in lower New York State.

Bubbles Falls, located just across Sunrise Highway from Connetquot State Park (100 yards east of the park entrance) is the more impressive of these two popular public stretches of the river. The pool below the falls get a heavy play and produces its share of good fish, particularly in the wee hours of the morning or at night, when activity is at a minimum. Many a big trout has been drilled from the tunnel that flows beneath the Sunrise Highway, just above the dam. A well placed cast (you may need a few practice casts) will put your bait far enough into the protected lair of any wary trout.

The south end of Bubbles Falls is marked by a railroad trestle and a

Photo by Dick Mermon

small road. Some nice trout are culled from beneath both structures each season by anglers drifting baits through these openings. Very often the best action at Bubbles takes place when the water is up. I've always favored the couple of hours on either side of high water or when heavy rains raise the water level above normal.

Not more than a few hundred yards down the road to the east is Rattlesnake Creek. By far the majority of bigger trout are taken from the tubes at the north end, which drain one of the ponds in Connetquot State Park. Equally productive is the water which runs beneath the little service road opposite the tube openings. Locals often wade the westernmost tube until they reach "the room" located approximately midway across (but under) Sunrise Highway. From this point, you can work baits in the deeper water of the room or drift your bait south, through the east tube. If you decide to try this trick, you'll need a pair of chest high waders and don't try it when the water level is higher than normal. If you have back problems, forget it altogether.

All sorts of baits get a play in these waters, including corn, salmon eggs, dough and liver, along with the usual array of artificials. The majority of the bigger fish, however, still seem prone to the ever popular night crawlers and live killies. The latter is far and away my top choice for a trophy sea run brown but fishing at this stage of the season is no easy task.

Another virtue (I think) to this fishing is that it is always available, meaning that no matter how far the mercury drops, these stretches of river will remain relatively free of ice. If you don't mind the punishing cold, you might consider a pair of Glacier Gloves for this fishing. The slit finger model frees your finger and thumb for ease in baiting and rigging and when matched with a pair of Glacier linings, they will keep your hands functional and comfortable. Neoprene construction eliminates any concern of getting your hands wet. Last I heard, Creative Fly Fishing on Montauk Highway in Oakdale had these hard to find gloves in stock for about forty dollars.

Of course, no mention of the Connetquot would be complete without a word on Connetquot River State Park Preserve. Park Superintendent Gil Bergen and his staff have developed the park and its fisheries to the point where it is recognized among the finest trouting waters in the East and many believe in the country. It is a virtual oasis in the midst of suburbia.

The "winter season" began on February 3rd and continues through February and March. During winter, there are two sessions (8Am to Noon and Noon to 4PM) Wednesday through Sunday. The Park is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays through March. The fishing is by reservation only, (516) 581-1005, at $9 a session. Only fly rods and barbless hooks are permitted within the park.

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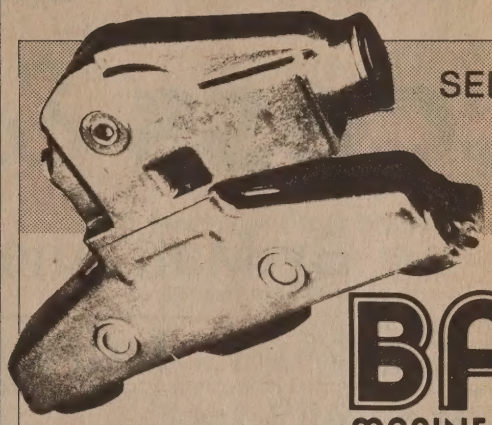

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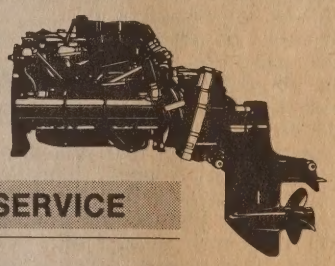

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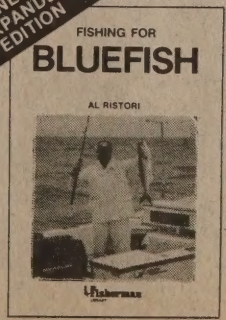

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THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN Success & Failure

By Matt Ahern

How does a guy fail as a fisherman? It isn't difficult. In fact, it's pretty easy.

And that's the trouble, for to the uninitiated it seems so easy to be successful at the fishing game. And most times it is—but only after many problems have been overcome. But to be unsuccessful—and remain unsuccessful—is no problem at all.

Why am I so positive? Well, look around you. For every successful angler I'll bet there are a dozen failures, therefore, it stands to reason it must be easy to fail.

If you wish to join that undesired and overpopulated category, there are tried and proven methods to go about it. For instance, just take for granted you can catch fish without effort on your part. That always works. Also, believe with your whole heart that those desired fish will fill your bucket as they do for those "lucky" fishermen who share your fishing spot. This works, too.

And we've all seen those "lucky" fishermen in action. These are guys who enter upon the angling scene, stand near discouraged fishermen, and without strain or pain immediately begin to catch fish. Sure, it looks easy—and therein lies the baited trap.

If you wish to fail as a fisherman, do it this way:

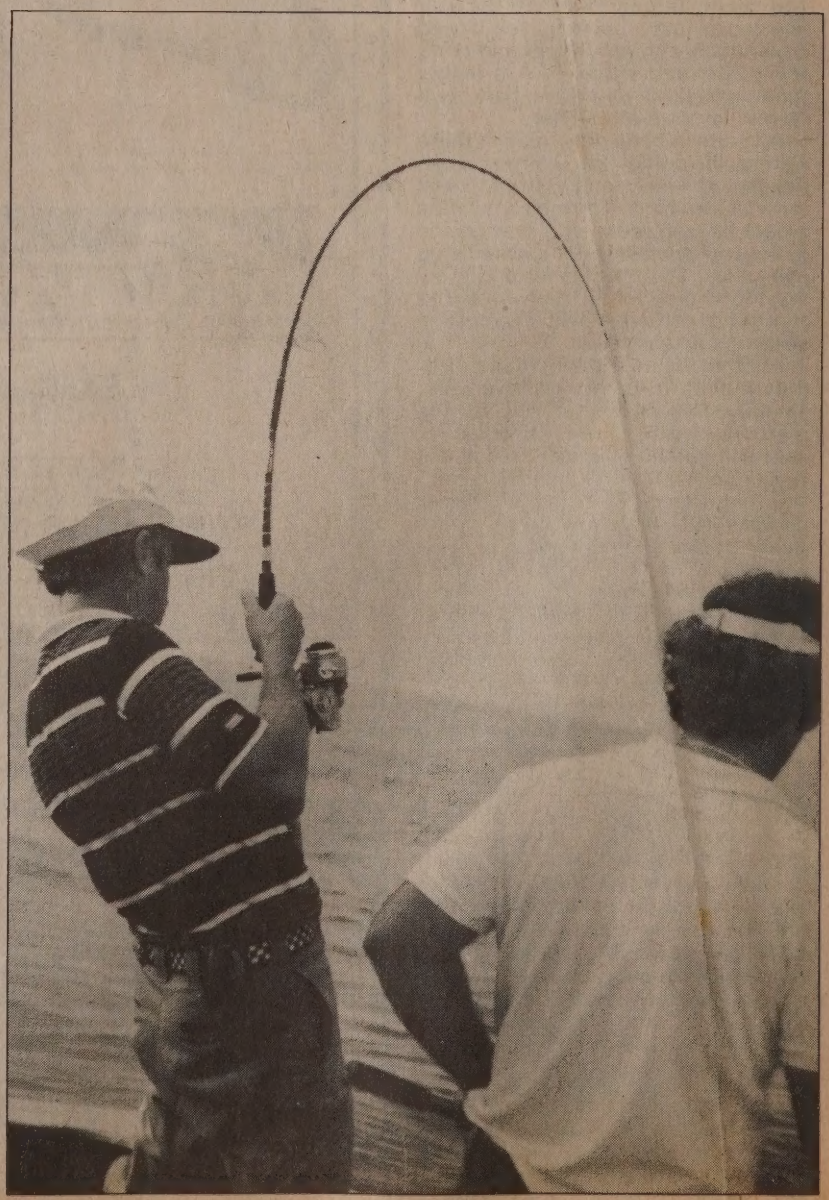
Give no thought to your quarry. Just assume it has no intelligence. Believe that it will eagerly seek you out the instant your bait reaches bottom. That's sure to work.

Give no thought to your bait. After all, fish are stupid. Because you believe God's sea creatures are brainless, why be fussy about bait; it's food, isn't it?

Give no thought to where you fish. Water is water—right?

Give no thought as to season. Because flounder were caught in the general area in April, why shouldn't you get a few in July?

Give no thought to your terminal tackle What does it matter if your sinker is too light to hold bottom—fish



"Luck" plays a small part in fishing success.

are always hungry, therefore they'll happily chase after your bit.

Give no thought to hook size. A hook is a hook. Period. So what's all the flack about using the correct hook?

Far-fetched? Hardly. These examples cover exactly the way three fishermen went about their fishing one day last summer in Shinnecock Bay. Their reasons for doing so were exactly as stated above.

The day Nick Hauck and I met those hapless fishermen we certainly found it hard to believe. We had been fishing in the East Chanel near the inlet. Our catch was only so-so, and when mid-afternoon approached, we decided to call it quits. Just opposite the commercial trawler fleet, we were flagged down by three fishermen in a rental skiff. Their outboard had quit. We towed them to their fishing station.

We were told they hadn't caught a fish, though they had been trying since sunup. That was nothing to be ashamed of; Nick and I had barely made it ourselves. But after we looked over their gear, asked some pertinent questions, and heard their ideas on fishing, we weren't a bit surprised at their results. Everything just listed suited them to a T.

Let's go back a bit and take a hard look.

Contrary to popular belief, fish do not lack intelligence, else they would have perished with the dodo. There may be no Einsteins among them, but neither are they village idiots. Should fishermen fail to take this into consideration, it will be a long time before fish go into that bucket.

Thought must be given to the feeding habits of the fish one expects to catch. Most fishermen know this simple truth—but those three fellows in the stalled skiff didn't.

Water may be water, all right, but only certain areas contain fish. This might be likened to an oasis. Plenty of sand on the outskirts, but not much life.

All fish life is governed by water temperature; smart fishermen give this some thought. Experienced fishermen closely follow the seasons. They don't depend on luck. They know luck alone produces few fish.

Fishermen who fail to study terminal tackle catch few fish. It's as simple as that. Sinks that drift off with the current may be okay within prescribed limits for fluke fishing, but if your aim is to add blackfish to the bucket, you are doomed to failure.

The hook is the most important part of terminal tackle, so important that sinker tinkerers who fail to make a study of this most interesting subject rarely become expert fishermen.

As you can see, the road to failure for a fisherman is wide indeed. It has to be wide to accommodate all who travel it. In closing, let me say this: If any of these examples apply to you, I can give no better advice than to see the error of your ways, and to quickly set out to rectify them.

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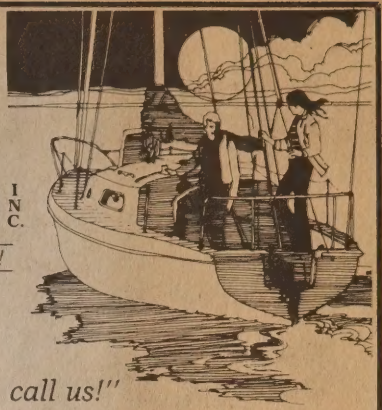

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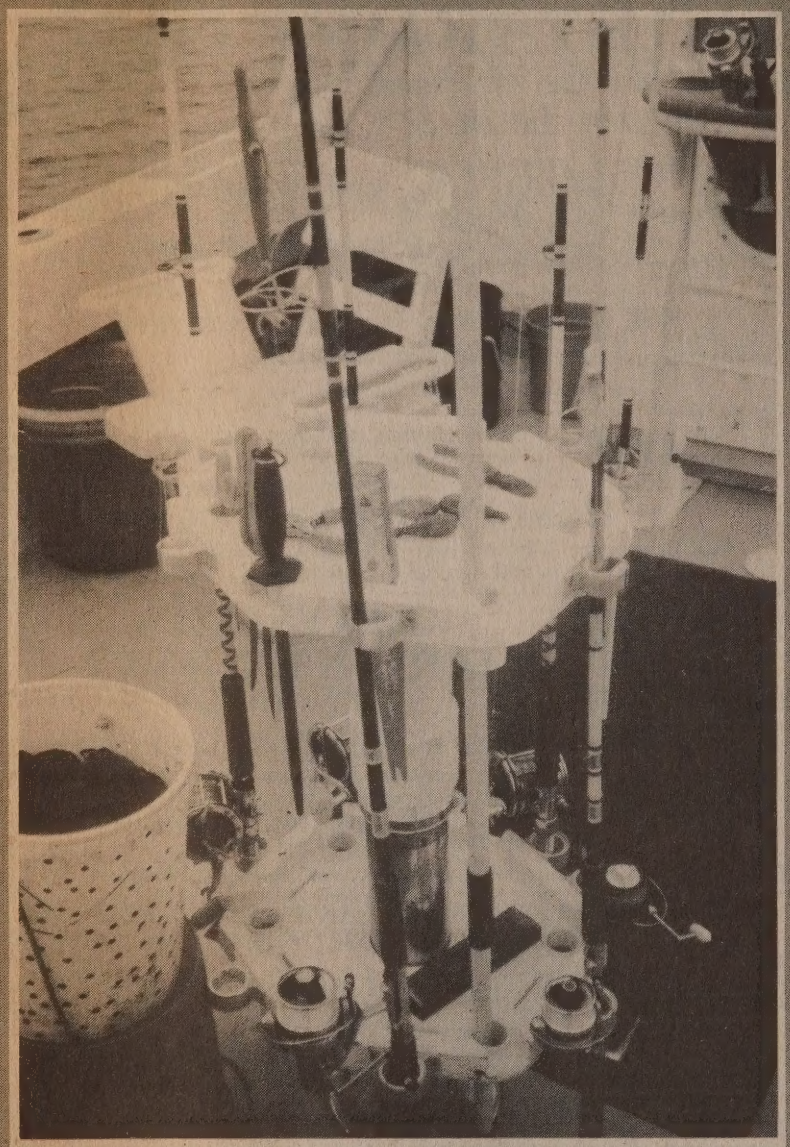

IN THE CENTER OF IT ALL

By Capt. Al Anderson

A few years back (1981), in the single-handed operation of my 35 foot charter sport fishing boat "Prowler," I needed an area in the cockpit that would serve as a convenient location of all the tackle and equipment necessary for an active day's fishing, be it at anchor or trolling. Already located in the 11' x 13' cockpit was the Tournament Big Game chair (MK IV Model) and stanchion. Since the big game chair was not in use all season, why not make use of the stanchion, easily installed with two bolts, to serve as support for a "cockpit tackle center." With fishing action along the side decks and at the transom, its center cockpit location would be within easy reach, but basically out of the way. And, located between the two trolling chairs, it would not interfere with the action, even when anglers either switched chairs or passed rods. With this concept in mind, I went to work sketching out a design that seemed suitable. Judging by the number of boats in our local area that now sport a similar cockpit tackle center, my idea appears to have been a good one.

Design: Basically, this tackle center consists of an upper and lower table area, designed in this fashion so as to support fishing rods in a vertical manner and allow for temporary storage and accessibility of miscellaneous tools, tackle and equipment. Vertical support comes from the 4-inch chromed big game chair stanchion manufactured by Tournament Products. The stanchion passes through the lower table and forms the base of the upper table.

In the spring, on the way to the codfishing grounds, rods from the overhead are rigged up, with a couple of spares and placed in the "center." At arm's reach, should an angler "pop off" a fish, another outfit is ready to go, as rods are easily stationed and accessible. Gaffs, up to four in number, are also at arm's length. Resting in slots are gutting and filleting knives, along with the often used aluminum hook disgorger. Fishing pliers and cutting pliers are available for use by any of the crew. Sharpening stone and steel are ready for fish cleaning. Storage for hooks, leaders and bottom rigs allow quick and easy retying, if lost to a foul bottom. Teasers and droppers are at the ready.

On the blackfish grounds, several stainless steel scissors resin slots for the cutting of bait (green crabs). On the pollock grounds, spare diamond jigging rods are at the ready, while trolling the depths with downriggers. Extra jigs, tubes and rigs are also at hand should they be quickly needed.

On the weakfish grounds, jigging rods are within arm's reach, should the trolling action slow up on the tide change. Trolling rigs, tubes, leaders, swivels, etc., are ready in the event of a breakoff, bite-off (bluefish), snarl, tangle, etc. On the striper grounds, spinning rods are at hand if trolling is slow and terns and gulls are working the beach shallows. Extra plugs, jigs and tin squids are readily accessible to be changed at a moment's notice.

And last but not least, this tackle center is sturdy enough to support the

weight of a person leaning on it, has rounded edges to prevent possible injury, can be quickly installed and removed, and when rinsed, drains cleanly away.

Construction: With my particular big game chair, the stanchion has a 4 inch O.D. and rises to a height of 24 inches above the deck. A 14 inch long section of PVC pipe, which has a 4 inch I.D., slips neatly over and down the stanchion several inches. Hacksaw blade cuts approximately 2 inches in length at the lower end can be compressed with a stainless steel hose clamp. The upper end of this extension is glued to a 4 inch PVC pipe flange. The upper table, of 3/4 inch marine plywood, is bolted to this flange, producing a relatively rigid structure.

The upper table is hexagonal in shape and measures 18 inches in length and width. At the edges, on the upper surface, are 1½ inch mahogany rails, with rounded edges, glued and screwed into place. These serve to keep items from sliding or rolling off the table surface (fiddles) and serve as the base for the rod holders. Space between "fiddles" allow for drainage. This upper table surface rises to approximately 38 inches off the deck.

A 1⅞ inch hole saw cutter receives the upper table surface into which 1½ inch I.D. PVC sections, 3 inches in length, serve as gaff holders. These are glued in place following the roughing up of their outer surface, with their upper edge flush with the table surface. Slots in the upper table are formed with drill and saw blade and for storage of the sharpening steel, a 7/8 inch hole is cut to receive a 2 inch section of 3/4 inch PVC pipe, also epoxy glued in place.

The lower table area, also of 3/4 inch marine plywood, has a 4 inch hole in its center. A 4 inch PVC pipe flange is through bolted and glued to a 5 inch section of PVC pipe, the lower end with hacksaw blade cut slits. A second stainless steel hose clamp secures this lower table approximately 12 inches off the deck surface. Also hexagonal in shape, with 1½ inch mahogany "fiddles." and gaff holders, slots are provided for knife holders.

A total of eight Lees aluminum rod holders are arranged along the outer edge of both tables, held in place with 2 inch stainless steel self-tap screws. Prior to assembly, all wood surfaces were given a coat of polyester resin. Following light sanding, a coat of marine (white) was applied.

Installation: Two 1/2 inch stainless steel bolts hold the stanchion into the deck flange of the boat, with its base resting in the keel mount. Loosening the stainless steel hose clamp, the lower table is slipped over the stanchion and slid down to a level about 12 inches off the deck. With tightening of the clamp, the lower table is secure. The upper table, with extension and clamp, are then affixed, checking alignment beforehand for the rod holders. A minute or two and the cockpit tackle center is aboard. So, with about a day's worth of work you, too, can have a convenient area to put rods, tools, tackle and bait.

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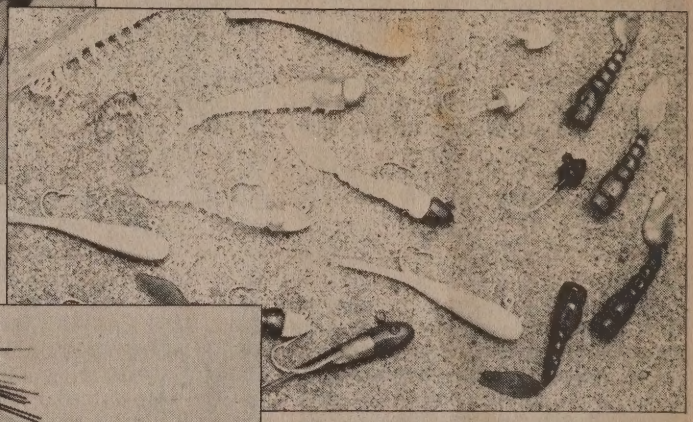
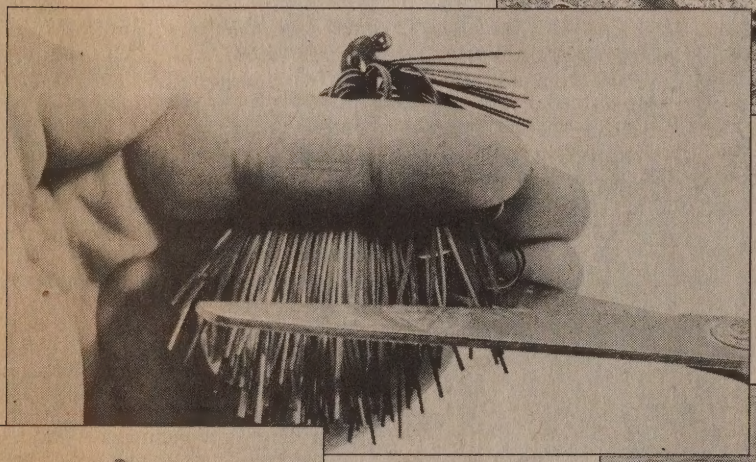
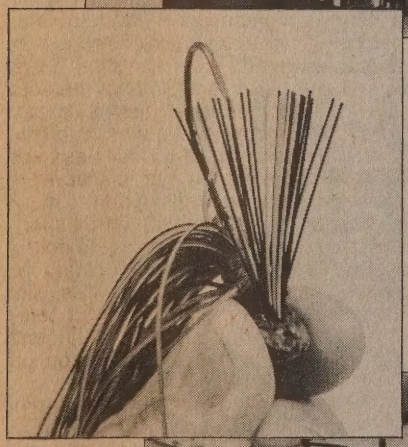


Typical saltwater jigs using grub tails, shrimp tails and minnow tails.



Trimming the rubber skirt on freshwater jigs helps prevent short strikes.



Flaring the brush type weedless skirt helps to make them more weedless.

Pork strips and chunks used with a typical jig.

Pork chunk impaled on hook as a result of sliding up on shank (left) vs. the rubber worm section that prevents this from happening.

Modified Leadheads

By C. Boyd Pfeiffer

Typical grub twin tail used with jig.

Plastic skirts are available to add to any type of jig.

Fish scent can be added to jigs with hollow bodies such as Clones or Gitzits.

There is no question that the jig is one of the most basic and also most effective lures for all types of fishing. Under the right circumstances, just about all species of fish can be taken on them and for many, they are the prime lure most of the season. But, like any lure, they can be improved.

While bucktails and jigs alone are great, they are often better when rigged with a teaser of bait or an additional lure attractor.

Bucktails and jigs come in basic styles ranging from tiny 1/8 ounce lure to 8 or 9 ounce deep jigging or trolling lures. Shapes vary from ball to bullet to Upperman (lima bean) to flat slider to slim fast dropping head to pear-shaped walleye or bass jigs. While any jig or bucktail can catch fish in either fresh or salt water, there are basic differences in shape, size and skirt material. Most freshwater lures are seldom heavier than one ounce, while most saltwater lures will begin at one ounce or a little less and go to a half pound. Bass jigs typically have a rubber or plastic skirt, while saltwater bucktails sport the more traditional fur or feather tied-in skirts. While all jigs were once painted, today there is a trend to use unpainted jig heads with vinyl glove-like skirts (like Garland Gitzits or saltwater Psychotails or Sevenstrand Clones) or with soft plastic grub tails that are impaled on the jig hook shank.

Methods to rig jigs and bucktails include:

1. Rigging with pork rind or pork strip. This is typically a freshwater method although large pork strips from Uncle Josh and other companies are excellent on saltwater jigs also. Most of these baits have a small hole in the head end of the pork for easy attachment, although in many cases it is necessary to force the hook through the hole. Do this with care to avoid accidents. Since most pork is dyed only on one side, make sure that you choose the color arrangement you want. Often a light color on top and colored underneath is best for high visibility using the countershading theory (in which dark colors are

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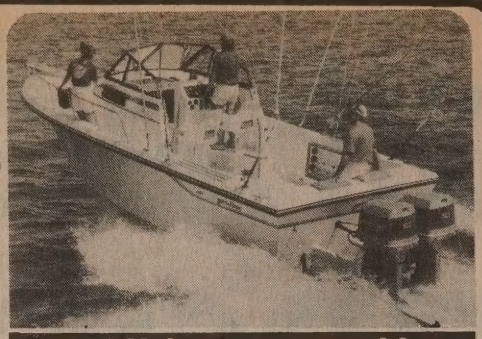

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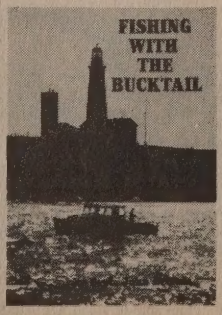

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used on the bottom of lures for visibility against the sky as a fish looks up; light colors on top for contrast against the dark bottom as a fish looks down), although dark is usually used on top when using pork chunks. One technique when using pork chunks with a jig is to carefully shave the back edge of the pork chunk (where it joins the thinner legs) for a smoother, less bulky body and more natural action from the pork trailer.

One potential problem with any pork strip or chunk trailer on a jig or bucktail is that fishing and casting may cause the pork to slide up on the jig hook shank, turn and impale on the hook. This both ruins any action and also prevents hooking any fish. To prevent this, use a small strip of plastic tubing or a short length of a plastic worm threaded onto the hook shank to limit forward movement of the pork.

One alternate solution to working with pork is to use chamois. Car polishing chamois (the real thing—not a synthetic) are widely available and can be cut into strips of any length and width that you desire for use with your jigs and bucktails. The advantage is that unlike pork, they will not shrivel up and die when dry, but will return to their original flexibility when soaked for a few minutes.

One company, Dri-Rind, has capitalized on this with a line of jigs, spinnerbaits and buzzbaits tipped with a chamois skin material with spare skirts also available for those wishing to rig their own.

2. Bait can be rigged in a variety of ways, depending upon the bait used. In freshwater, lip-hooked frogs, minnows, shiners are all good. One trick is to lip hook a live minnow upside down on a light jig so that the minnow will constantly struggle to turn over. Too heavy a jig prevents most movement, but a light jig will provoke a struggle that signals any nearby game fish. Crayfish are also good in freshwater, either hooked through the tail (they swim tail first) or using only the tail on the hook.

In saltwater, lip hooked bait fish, strip baits, belly strips are all commonly used with jigs, and are especially good for deep fishing, bottom fishing or deep jigging the bottom over reefs and wrecks.

3. Other riggings of jigs and bucktails can include nothing more than a simple spinner blade. These add to the attraction of the lure with the flash of metal and are easy to attach. Some commercially made jigs, typically crappie jigs with hackle and chenille collars, are made this way. To add a spinner blade, choose one suitable in shape (Colorado, Indiana or willowleaf) and size of the jig. Add it with a duo-lock snap, snap swivel, interlock snap or similar device. Snaps alone will only allow fluttering; snap and swivel combinations allow fluttering and rotation.

To prevent the swivel from coming off of the jig hook, cover the snap/swivel eye with a small piece of rubber or plastic tubing and force it on the hook. The tubing will hold the attachment in place.

4. Trailer hooks for short striking fish can be added the same way, using the same rubber tubing on the eye to hold the hook in place and to keep it from turning. Some anglers do not like trailer hooks and feel that they interfere with any trailer such as pork rind or plastic used, or that they upset the balance of the jig. This may be true with small jigs; it is not true with larger or saltwater styles.

Trailer hooks should always be rigged point up and weedless styles can be used in weedy or snag-filled water.

5. Small unpainted jigs are often used for fishing plastic grubs or minnows. These are usually designed to be used with plain heads with a flat rear surface up against which the grub or minnow fits flush. This makes for a more uniform appearance of the lure and less likelihood that the junction of the head body will pick up grass or get snagged.

One tip in rigging minnow type action tails for river fishing is to cut off the belly area to make the resulting minnow slimmer and more like the slim river minnows. Most of these soft plastic imitations are fat bellied and more typical of lake shad.

6. Worm rigs on jigs can be accomplished in a number of ways. Worms can be rigged on the hook of the jig, or threaded up on the shank of a long shank jig to make them into a Texas style rigging. Other ways to do this include using the Burke Corkscrew. This is a small wire device that can be twisted into the head of a worm and clipped onto the eye of the jig, so that the body of the worm can be threaded onto the hook for a completely weedless rigging. Short worms can also be rigged by threading the worm head and body on the hook shank and leaving the hook point exposed for an exposed hook rig.

7. Tube type lures like the Bass-N-Man Gitzit, the Canyon Lures Fatso the Knight Tube lure, Sevenstrand Clones and saltwater Psychotails can all be rigged on jigs by threading the jig head into the body of the lure, working the eye of the hook through the vinyl covering of the lure and forcing the hook through the wall if it will not extend past the skirt area. This is done with bare, unskirted lure and results in a complete lure that has lifelike minnow action, weight for casting and is inexpensive to buy or build.

Another tip with this type of lure is to use the hollow cavity to hold bait or scent. Often gel like scent materials will hold for a long time and attract more fish than a bare lure.

Jigs—whether fresh or saltwater, plain or fancy, bare or skirted and painted, are among the ultimate lure, especially if they are rigged with a bait or additional lure attraction. Any such additions give them an added dimension, create a new lure look and with the addition of bait, add a taste to an already proven lure that is hard for any fish to resist. Like the "good, better and best" in the Sears catalogs, jigs are good, rigged jigs are better and properly rigged and fished jigs are best.

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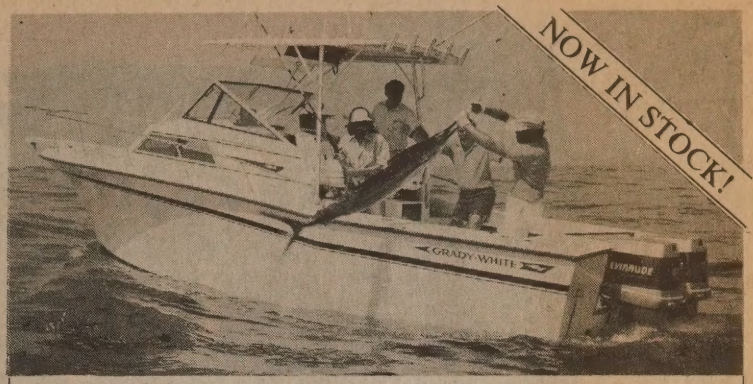

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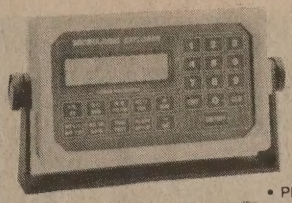

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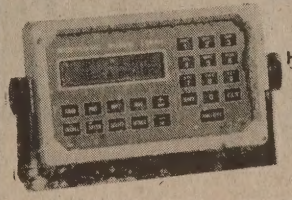

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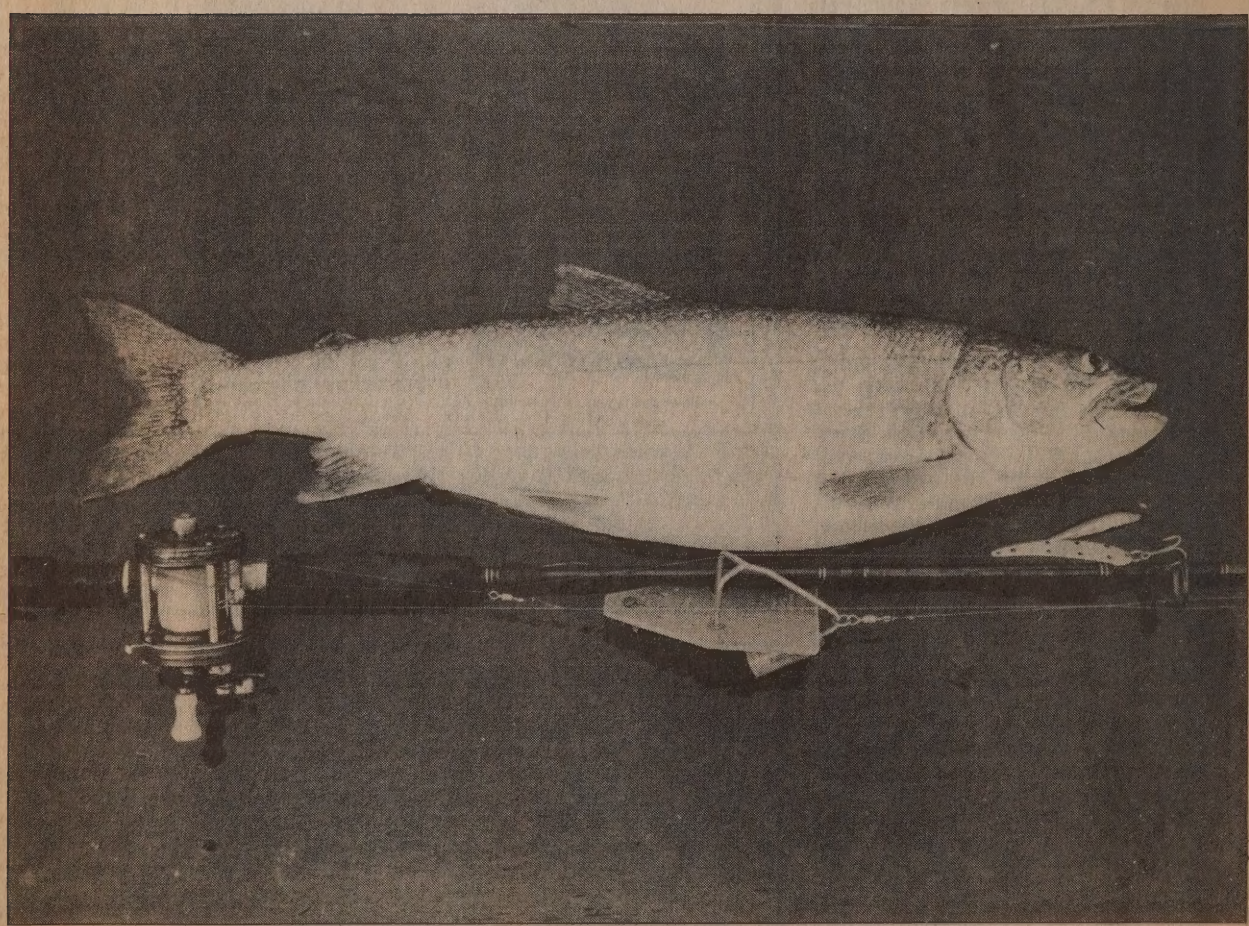
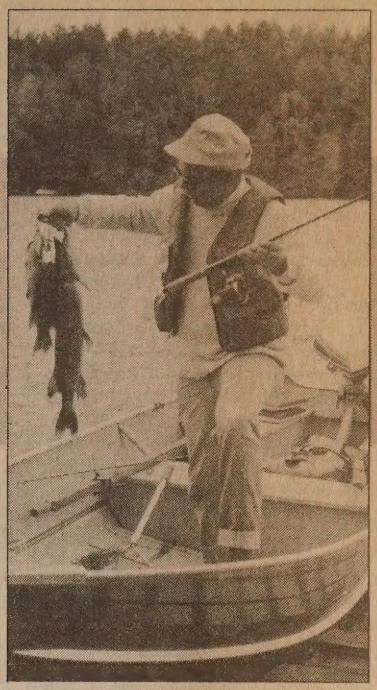


A fine 8 pound lake trout and the outfit that culled it from the 60 foot depths.

It's only about 100 miles north of Ottawa, Canada, but thirty years ago it was a fly-in lake. Today, hard-top roads lead to within a few miles of the lodge, but the fishing is as great as it used to be.

One day, my wife Phyllis and I caught 18 northern pike, all on #4 Mepps Aglias, and the largest probably weighed in the neighborhood of 8 pounds. I can't be sure of the weights as we released all but a small

Moosehead Lodge Quebec



one that we kept for dinner. While we saw some 20 plus pounders caught, we never did hook one of these.

On another evening, a buddy and I went out after dinner, running our boat up to the far end of the lake where we knew a rocky outcropping to lie, and I caught the largest smallmouth bass I have ever seen in many a year, just shy of 18 inches. It hit a black Jitterbug and on the next cast, after we released my fish, my buddy, John Swinton from State College, Pennsylvania, caught one about an inch shorter, also on a Jitterbug.

And to top the trip off, I went out alone one morning, trolling a Mooseluck lure some 60 feet below the surface, and hung a beautiful lake trout, one going about 8 pounds. My first lake trout ever.

We have visited this lake on several occasions, now, always early in June, when the spring bear season is on. While I'm not a bear hunter, black bears have always been shot by other visitors to the lodge.

Since our Big Cedar Lake does not hold walleyes, we drive to another lake about an hour's drive away that is a walleye lake. Here we catch one to three pound walleyes, up in the La Verendrye Reserve, on Lake Byrd. And while driving up there, we've seen moose grazing in the marshlands, just off the road we were on.

We stay at Moosehead Lodge, run by Mal Taggart and his wife Mary. We drive up on Route 105 from Ottawa, through the Gatineau Valley to Messines and then follow the signs to the lodge. It's only about a 12 hour drive from our home near Annapolis but we spend the night near Ottawa, enjoying the St. Lawrence's 1,000 Islands or the French hospitality of the Canadian capital. This lets us arrive at the lodge by mid-morning, and we've usually caught some bass by lunch time.

Actually, there are two lakes that we fish, Big Cedar and Little Cedar, connected by a shallow, rocky-bottomed stream. We like to creep through this connecting link (without shearing a pin) to Little Cedar where we have found the pike fishing to be fabulous. Much of the northwest shoreline has vast stands of underwater growth beneath the surface and the northerns just love this eel grass and pickerel weed. The yellow perch on which they feed are also thick in this grass, supporting the pike population.

We will position our boat to get the maximum drift across the grass—and we will cast our Mepps as we go. Occasionally, we will pick up giant yellow neds, but mostly it is the northern pike that hit our lures. Some of the bigger bass that we catch up here come from the grass, but their numbers are not large.

We go light line, using 6 or 8 pound test Stren, but occasionally this is our downfall. The bigger pike tend to dive into the grass and we can't stop them. They wrap the light line around the grasses; we can see the fish beneath the boat, in six feet of water and are helpless to get them loose. We do lose some lures this way but I'm sure the pike eventually spit them out. But the light line in these clear tonic waters is what gets us those strikes in the first place.

Most of the points along the shoreline of Big Cedar are rocky abutments, ideal smallmouth water. John and I have by now located all the better rocky outcroppings and we'll invariably catch bass when no one else does.

Usually we will toss small #3 Mepps spinners or Fred Arbogast Jitterbugs at the bass and we can catch one to three pound bass all day long. But it's the evening hours that bring out the bigger bass and then, without question, it's Jitterbug time.

I think one of the big attractions for the Jitterbug is the abundant merganser nesting that takes place on the lake in early June. I have counted as many as 18 chicks following one hen merganser, and there are a good number of nesting sites all around the lake shore. I suspect that the big, old bass feed on a stray merganser chick when they can, and you've got to admit that a Jitterbug retrieved steadily at dusk does resemble a duckling skittering along to catch up with its mother. While we use the larger black Jitterbugs at dusk, we like the smaller light colored Jitterbugs during the day light hours.

To catch the lake trout, you've got to fish deep. These fish school down on the thermocline where they feed on schools of dace. I used a Pink Lady diving plane on 20 pound line to get down, and I tied the blazing pink Mooseluck lure to the diving plane with about 30 feet of eight pound Stren.

If you are interested in Moosehead Lodge and Big Cedar Lake, drop a note to Mal Taggart at the Moosehead Lodge, P.O. Box 61, Messines, Quebec, Canada J0X2J0. Their phone is 1-819-465-2050.

When crossing the border, take care to list the serial numbers of your cameras and long guns (hand guns are not allowed entry). You can convert your currency into Canadian just down the road from Customs and don't be afraid of the French language. Just persevere.

Bag It!

By Capt. Paul Osmon

In my conversations with other fishermen, it is surprising how many people do not have their rigs tied and ready to go prior to each trip. Most rigs are lost when the fishing action is hot. With the action at its peak, this is no time for snelling hooks or tying tandem rigs. Add to wasting good fishing time the fact that during spring and fall fishing, the cold temperatures make tying rigs an unpleasant and difficult task and you have a solid argument for getting your rigs ready and stored during the winter.

Whether you're preparing bottom rigs for cod, flounder, fluke; or tautog, or tubes and jigs for bass and blues, all can be made up in advance and easily stored for ready use. For me, the perfect time to prepare my rigs is during the winter months when thinking and getting ready for fishing is about as close as you can get to the real thing. The best method I have found for storing rigs and jigs is the ziplock bag.

It is most efficient if you tie all the rigs for the same species at one time. For example, when tying rigs for flounder, I gather all the materials needed: #9 Chestertown hooks, 20 pound test leader and plastic corn beads and aim to tie all the rigs I'll need for the season. My experience has been to use between 50 and 60 rigs but, of course, the number of rigs will depend on the amount of fishing you do. An added note: change your bottom rig at least every trip to ensure sharp hooks and strong knots.

As you complete the rigs, immediately store them in the ziplock bags. Be sure to use the heavier weight plastic of the storage or freezer bags. I make a point never to put more than two rigs in a single bag. This eliminates tangles and saves valuable time when rigs must be replaced quickly.Another suggestion which I have found to help when storing rigs months ahead is to spray some WD-40 or put a couple of drops of oil from a jar of Uncle Josh's pork rind onto the rigs in the bag prior to zipping it closed. These lubricants seem to keep the mono leaders more supple, keep the rigs from sticking to the plastic and, in the case of used jigs, helps to stop any rusting. When the bags are closed, be sure to squeeze out as much air as possible. This will allow the bags to lie flat. Having no bulk, the bags require very little storage space.

When you take the storage bags out, I have found that the ziplock keeps moisture out very well. In salt spray or rain, the rigs remained sealed, unaffected by weather conditions and ready for use.

Plan ahead and follow this advice. Enjoy some time during the winter tying rigs for the upcoming season. Store them away in the ziplock bags and when you head out for the spring flounder run, grab an ample supply. Replacing lost rigs or damaged rigs becomes a quick and simple task because you took some of the down time in the winter to get prepared.

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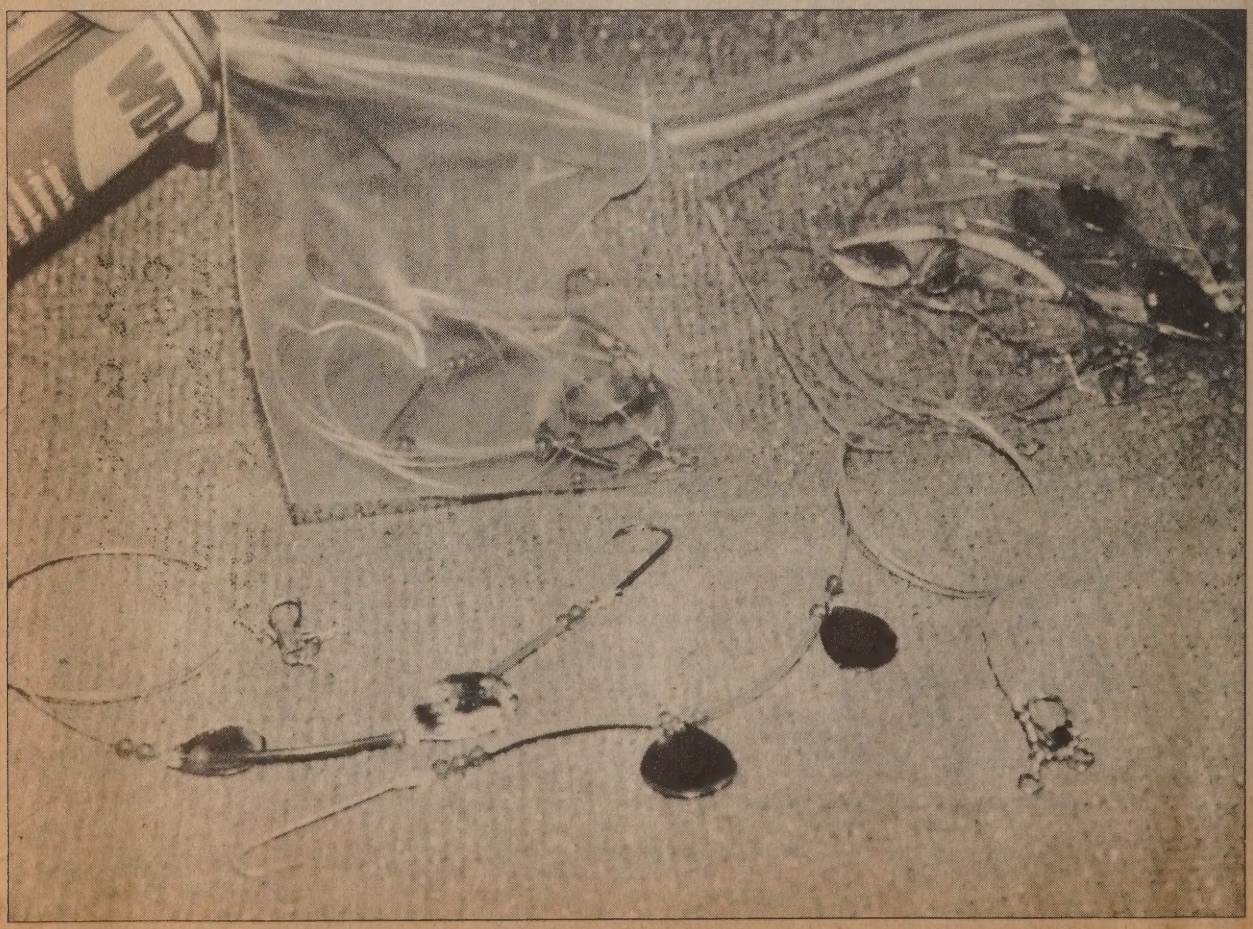

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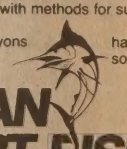

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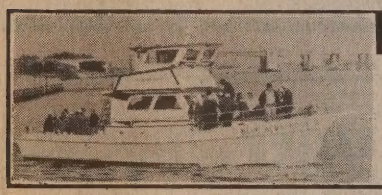

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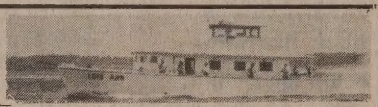

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East End Report

with Fred Golofaro

The cast of characters remain the same this week with both the **Viking Starship** and the **King Wayne** continuing to set their sights on cod. Weather played a major role in this week's fishing as the remnants of Friday's storm put a hurting on the fishing for the balance of the weekend.

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When Captain Paul Forsberg of the **Viking Starship** labels the conditions sloppy then it must have been a pretty mean ocean for the 41 fares who sailed aboard the Starship on Sunday. Strong winds and a big heave made for very tough conditions, which resulted in 81 cod for those 41 fares. Boat regular Chu had a 31 lb. cod, but was not entered in the pool. Lou Pow who shared high hook honors with another angler. Each had five fish. Paul reminded that the first Georges Bank trip would take place on March 11th. There are still a few openings for this trip, but space for all of the trips has been going fast. You can call for more information on available dates at (516) 668-5700.

Captain Wayne King of the Montauk open/charter boat **King Wayne** was unable to sail Friday through Sunday as a result of the rough and windy conditions. He did sail his first charter of the year on Wednesday for John Hyland and friends from Duchess County. The group totaled 45 cod with 15 to 25 pounds taken at CIA and another 30 at Cartwright. Captain Wayne noted that he is booking weekdays charters through March and April and will continue sailing open by reservation on weekends. He will also be sailing open on Monday, February 22nd.

SOUTH FORK

No word from this area concerning any early attempts at flatties. The wind, cold and ice has taken its toll this winter and it will probably be the end of the month before we get any confirmed flattie reports from these parts.

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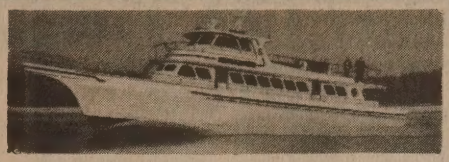

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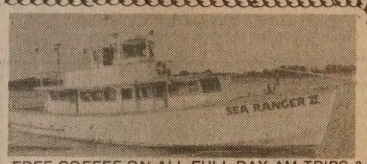

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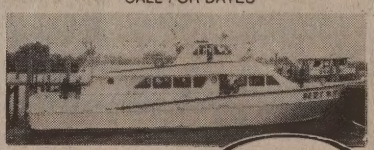

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South Shore Report

with Fred Golofaro

With very few exceptions, white perch reports have again become sparse. Flounder reports remain non-existent though a couple of hardy souls did make some recent attempts at early flattie action near Squaw Island to no avail and codfishermen have been frustrated more than anything by the elements which have kept them at bay for more than two weeks now.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

Paul Graniello of **J&J Tackle** in Patchogue reminded that he does have night crawlers in stock and expects to have blood and sand worms available for the flounder faithful by the end of the month. White perch reports have been very sparse from the local creeks and there has been nothing at all on flounder yet.

Audrey Canale at **J&R Sports Center** in Oakdale provided us with the only substantial white perch report this week. The catch was made in the Connetquot River on Wednesday by Rick Kenehan and Bill Herrington. The pair used worms to cull 22 perch from the river. Though several customers discussed making early flounder forays to Quogue and Shinnecock this week, no one actually attempted it due to the wind and cold.

According to Captain Speedy Hubert of the Captree based **Speedy**

Fleet, the wind, cold and ice has played havoc with the cod fleet in recent weeks. The only day they were able to get a boat out in the past two weeks was on Thursday when the **Speedy VII** made its way to an offshore wreck. A dozen fares on the trip accounted for approximately 100 cod. This weekend was another blowout due to Friday's storm, lots of wind and a big heave through the weekend. Speedy ask that we remind customers that the **Speedy VIII** is now in the shipyard for regular maintenance. The interior is in the process of being spruced up too. She will be ready for late March sailing. In the meantime, the **Speedy VII** will continue on the cod hunt, weather permitting.

I was able to get hold of Mike Andreani at **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** on Monday morning. He told of a couple of customers who tried early shots at flounder in the Squaw Island area this past week. They reported back with not even a tap and most local baymen feel water temperatures are just too cold as a result of the abundance of ice on the bay this winter. Also disappointing is that there has been no word on any perch catches recently from local creeks.

Frank Pristera at **Edelman's** in Farmingdale said that the only cod

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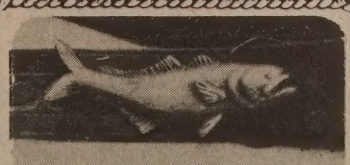

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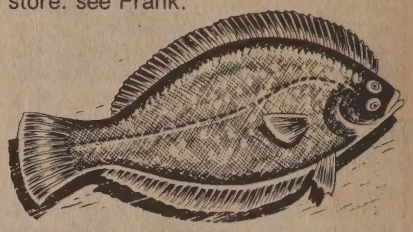
news concerned a 52 pounder taken by commercial set liner Dave Campo. Frank also announced the winner of the Edelman's Open early entry drawing held on January 30th. Joseph D'Andria and his crew aboard Solitude will receive a free entry into this year's Edelman's Open event. Frank also reminded that tag kits for Tag-A-Tuna program are available in the store: see Frank.



West End Report

with Stu Miller

Still in the grips of cold, blustery weather, very few anglers turned out to codfish this past week. Private boat sailings were practically non-existent and open boat sailings were few and far between due to very small angler turn-out. For those who made the effort, however, there were some cod caught along with blackfish, whiting and an occasional ling.

WEST END BAYS/ JONES INLET

Captain Billy Lindroth of the **Captain Al** was able to get out only on Wednesday due to the fierce weather conditions. Fares did catch cod on the wrecks fished. Hoyt Mommins of Woodhaven managed four cod, while Joe Keegan of Uniondale was happy with five. Seaford angler Frank rovery was high hook with ten cod and one blackfish.

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Aboard the **Betty W. IV**, skipper Al Coley said that on the days he sailed this past week, fares had a load of herring up to 2 pounds. Blackfish and a few cod were also taken.

Captain Butch of the **Zephyr V** spoke of good blackfishing with tog up to 8 pounds. Fares also on one trip had 27 cod up to 25 pounds.

The Wee Willie report out of **Mike's Bait and Tackle** directly across from the fleet is that on fishable days, the 17 Fathom bank had good catches of whiting and blackfish, with occa-

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sion cod and ling being taken as well.

North Shore Report

with Fred Golofaro

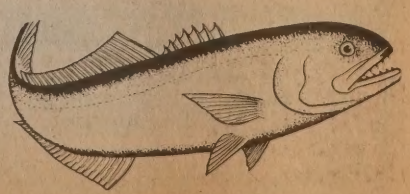
news from this sector of the island other than a call from Lorry Magan telling us "no more calls." Available space has been filled for the exploratory cod trip on Long Island Sound aboard the **Captain Bob**.

Surf Report

with Fred Golofaro

Nothing in the way of fishing news on the surf front, but a reminder that the Long Island Beach Buggy Dinner Dance is being held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Patchogue on March 12th, beginning at 8PM. Cost of this enjoyable evening is a mere $22.50 per person but you must have your reservation in by March 1st. For more information, call Tom Kehlenbeck at (516) 475-6961 or send your check to Tom c/0 LIBBA Dinner Dance, P.O. Box 816, Patchogue, NY 11772.

Another reminder that state beach vehicle and night fishing permits are available now. Don't wait until the spring deadline or you'll have to do without these permits until September when they again become available.



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Freshwater Report

with Fred Golofaro

From Paul Graniello at **J&J Tackle** in Patchogue came word of a lot of nice pickerel coming from Pathogue's Lace Mill Pond when the ice cleared. Spinner baits and minnow shaped swimming plugs have been exacting the most damage. A reminder that Paul does have night crawlers in stock. In the trout department, a few nice sea runs now showing up in local tidal creeks. Paul did check in a pair of beautiful rainbows for Jim Curto on Friday. Jim checked in with bows of 18 and 19 inches that were taken from Connetquot State Park. One was fooled by a nymph, while the other was duped by a wooly bugger.

Dave Canale at **J&R Sport Center** in Oakdale reported looking over some nice trout up to 3 lbs. taken from Bubbles Falls this week. He added that a lot of guys were giving the pool a play early Monday AM.

Charlie Harvey who spends a lot of his time between Bubbles Falls and Connetquot State Park said that several trips into the park in recent weeks have produced a lot of 12 to 14 inch fish. Some bigger fish are being taken. Concerning Bubbles, a few sea runs in the 3 to 4 lb. class being taken in the wee hours of the morning.

From **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** Mike Andreani had a good report concerning Lace Mill Pond in Patchogue that was dated a couple of weeks back. He told of John Fernandez and Ray Roberts who used live killies to take 10 pickerel to 25 inches, 3 yellow perch and two crappies from the pond. He, too, told of customers reporting a few nice trout coming from Bubbles in the early morning hours.

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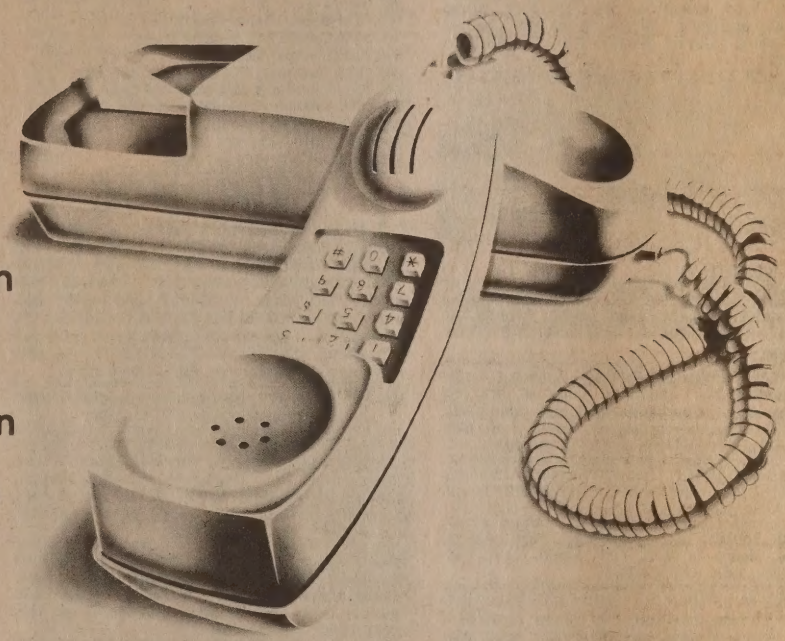

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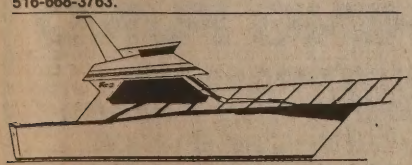

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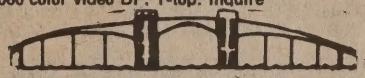

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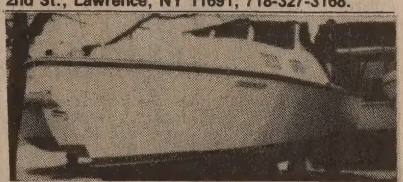

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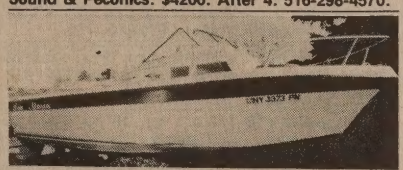

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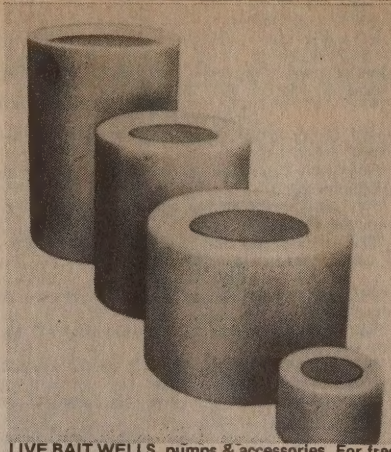

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DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	8:05	8:30	8:55	9:15	8:40	9:10	9:35	10:00	11:40	—	11:30	11:55	8:00	8:25	2/18
FRI.	8:55	9:20	9:45	10:10	9:35	10:00	10:25	10:50	12:10	12:30	—	12:20	8:50	9:10	2/19
SAT.	9:45	10:10	10:30	10:55	10:20	10:55	11:15	11:40	1:00	1:20	12:45	1:10	9:35	10:00	2/20
SUN.	10:35	11:00	11:15	11:45	11:15	11:45	—	12:10	1:45	2:15	1:30	2:00	10:25	10:50	2/21
MON.	11:25	11:50	12:10	—	12:10	—	12:35	1:00	2:35	3:15	2:25	2:55	11:15	11:45	2/22
TUES.	12:15	—	12:40	1:00	12:35	1:00	1:30	2:05	3:35	4:20	3:20	3:50	12:10	—	2/23
WED.	12:40	1:10	1:40	2:00	1:30	1:55	2:30	3:10	4:45	5:35	4:15	4:55	12:40	1:10	2/24
THURS.	1:40	2:10	2:40	3:10	2:25	3:00	3:35	4:25	6:05	6:45	5:20	6:00	1:45	2:15	2/25

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	−0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	−0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	−0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	−0 12
Seaside Park	−0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	−0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	−0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	−0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	−0 02
Rehobeth Beach	−0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Democrat Point	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
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Lloyd Point	+0 08
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Horton Point	−0 20
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New Haven Harbor entrance	−0 08
Milford Harbor	−0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	−0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	−0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	−0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	−0 14
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point, north side	−1 13
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Smith Cove entrance	−0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
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On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28
Port Chester	−0 09
Mamaroneck	−0 08
New Rochelle	−0 24
Davids Island	−0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	−0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	−0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	−1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	−0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	−0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	−0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	−0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 2/18	6:55	5:36
FRI. 2/19	6:53	5:37
SAT. 2/20	6:51	5:38
SUN. 2/21	6:49	5:40
MON. 2/22	6:47	5:41
TUE. 2/23	6:45	5:42
WED. 2/24	6:44	5:43

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 2/18	7:25AM	7:00PM
FRI. 2/19	7:50AM	8:20PM
SAT. 2/20	8:15AM	9:35PM
SUN. 2/21	8:40AM	10:45PM
MON. 2/22	9:05AM	—
TUE. 2/23	9:35AM	12:05AM
WED. 2/24	10:15AM	1:10AM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
2/17	2/24	3/3	3/11

The Original Knight SOLUNAR TABLES

The schedule of solunar periods below will help plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during the time when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	5:20	**11:35**	5:45	—
Fri.	6:15	**12:05**	6:45	**12:30**
Sat.	7:10	**1:00**	7:40	**1:25**
Sun.	8:05	**1:55**	8:35	**2:20**
Mon.	9:00	**2:50**	9:30	**3:15**
Tues.	9:55	**3:45**	10:20	**4:05**
Wed.	10:50	**4:40**	11:20	**5:05**
Thurs.	11:40	**5:30**	—	**5:55**

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